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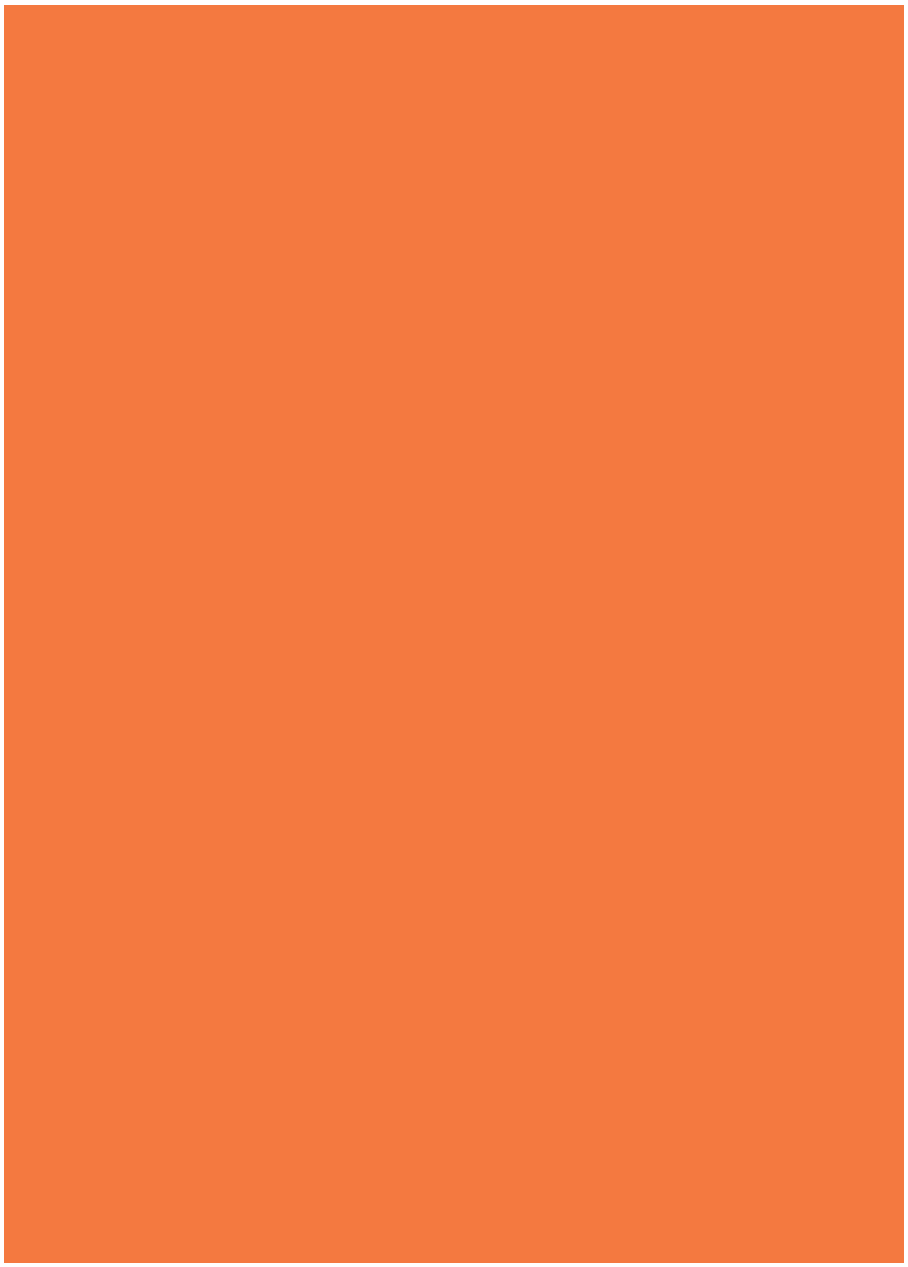

FOR ALL
PALESTINIANS,
PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE
MAY THESE VISUALS ONE DAY BE ARTIFACTS FOR FREE GENERATIONS TO REMEMBER THE JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

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INTRODUCTION

“The English word “demonstration” has at least two meanings: one refers to the public act of protest—to march, rally, declare or express an opinion—and the other is to do with showing, with making something manifest or apparent in order to instruct or display. The Arabic *muthahara*, the Persian *tathaharat*, the French *manifestacion*, the Italian *manifestazione* and the Spanish *manifestación*—all, regardless of their variant linguistic roots, agree that in a demonstration there are at least these two sides: one concerned with making something apparent and the other with objection…. This seems to make perfect sense: one could argue that in order to protest one needs to make something clear.

— *Hisham Matar,* A Month in Siena *(2019)*

This book spans more than a decade of work by Visualizing Palestine to demonstrate the urgency of the Palestinian struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. We focus on shifting narratives, recognizing that Palestine has been the subject of a century of colonial narratives designed to obscure, justify, and perpetuate oppression. The visuals in this book reflect the collaboration of dozens of people spanning continents and contributing different skill sets. Together, we create visual stories to nourish education, advocacy, organizing, and collective action for Palestinian liberation.

Visualizing Palestine debuted in 2012 with **Hunger Strikes** (pg. 198–99). We published this infographic as Palestinian political prisoner Khader Adnan, who was being held in an Israeli jail without charge or trial, was on his sixty-sixth day of hunger strike and reportedly near death.[1] Hunger Strikes uplifted Palestinian civil resistance as part of a resounding, universal human story of overcoming injustice. As an infographic distributed primarily online, it signified the nascent promise of social media to bring

stories of Palestine directly to the masses, changing how people around the world engage with communities impacted by injustice.

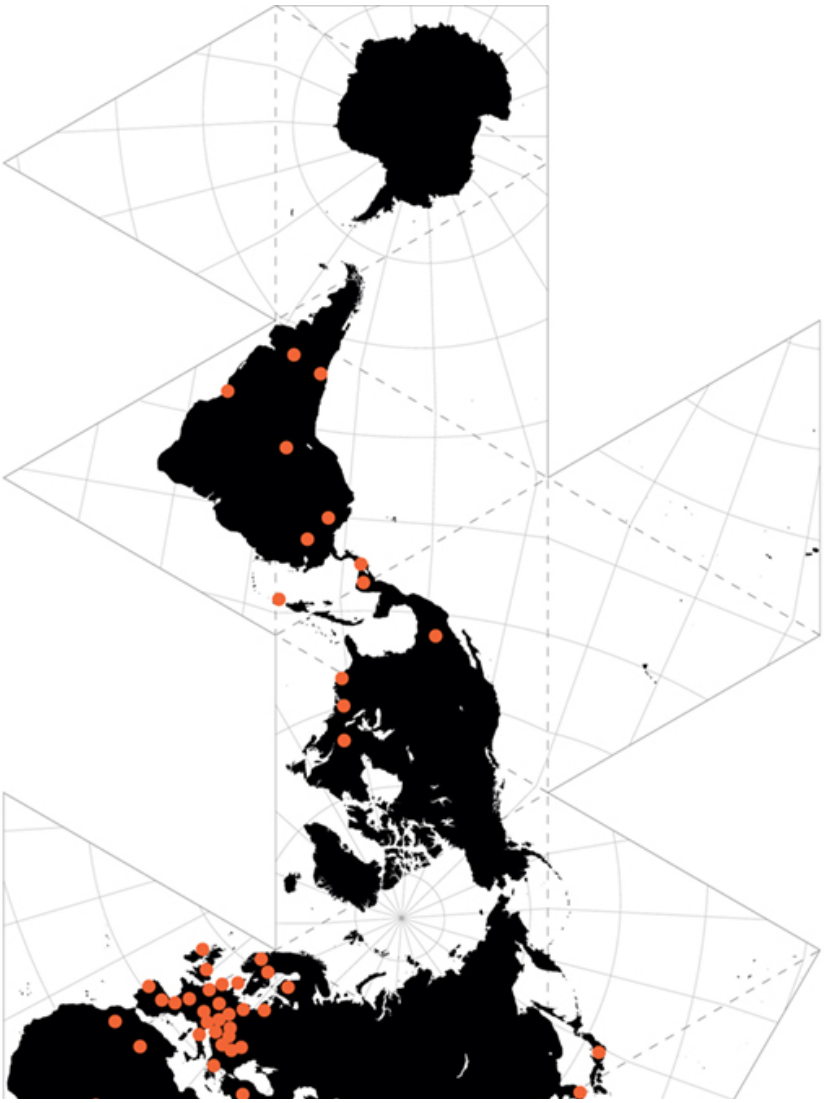
Khader Adnan spent six years of his life in prison without charge and undertook five hunger strikes.[2] In May 2023, more than a decade after Hunger Strikes was published and just a few days before the seventy-fifth anniversary of the mass displacement of Palestinians known as the Nakba, he died as a result of medical neglect in an Israeli prison. His body had endured eighty-seven days without food.[3] With Khader Adnan's death, Hunger Strikes became part of the story of what the Palestinian collective body has endured while calling for freedom.

Today, Visualizing Palestine continues to specialize in deeply researched, visually compelling narrative interventions, with the goal of making Palestinian perspectives more accessible as part of wider anticolonial and antiracist narratives. We are determined to build on the significant progress the movement has made to mainstream understanding of settler colonialism and apartheid, key frameworks through which Palestinians understand their oppression. So far, people in seventy-six countries have self-reported accessing our resources via our website. Student groups are particularly active, using our visuals across more than a hundred college campuses. Educators use them to supplement curriculums at universities and high schools. Activists incorporate them into campaigns for boycott, divestment, and sanctions, movement education activities, and protests. People of multiple faiths use them to advance theologies centered on justice for the oppressed. Thanks to volunteers, the visuals exist in twenty-four languages beyond our two core languages of production, English and Arabic.

The movement for Palestinian liberation is growing more organized and impactful, but we also see conditions on the ground worsening for Palestinians. As we were curating this book in 2022, more Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces than in any prior year since 2005. Countless others endured escalating Israeli settler violence, home demolitions, poverty, and despair.[4] Amid these conditions, Israeli forces stormed the offices of seven

Palestinian human rights organizations as part of a campaign of repression and intimidation against Palestinian civil society.[5]

In October 2023, we rewrote parts of this introduction as we witnessed the start of another Nakba-scale crisis in Palestine. In the first seven weeks of Israel's bombardment of Gaza, we saw Israeli forces kill more Palestinians than in the previous thirty-four years combined. In the months that followed, each morning brought devastation as the numbers of Palestinians killed, missing in the rubble, injured, displaced, thirsty, starving, and sick climbed beyond comprehension and as governments failed in their duty to prevent "a textbook case of genocide."[6] Visuals we published became outdated almost instantly, and requests for updates poured in hourly.



Since March 2015
VISUALIZING PALESTINE'S VISUALS HAVE BEEN USED IN 577 CITIES IN 76 COUNTRIES
SOURCE bit.ly/vp-global-movement

In her essay "No Place for Self-Pity, No Room for Fear," novelist Toni Morrison recounts feeling too helpless to write amid the US war on Iraq and the reelection of George W. Bush. A friend tells her, "No! No, no, no! This is precisely the time when artists go to work—not when everything is fine, but in times of dread." These are times of dread indeed, but this is not unfamiliar terrain for any community that has struggled for freedom. It is widely understood that times of crisis open up possibilities for transformation. These are the possibilities we will keep pursuing relentlessly.

This book is a living reflection of the opportunities and challenges that come with using research and data to capture injustice and promote liberation. In English, the word "number" contains within it the word "numb." The human brain is not designed to comprehend mass atrocities, yet we seem to give numbers immense power to describe reality. What approaches render the scale of violations legible, while honoring the specificity of people's individual stories? What are the limits of our imagination and visual vocabulary in demonstrating systems of oppression that have been purposely designed to be invisible, fragmented, and opaque?

How do we navigate gaps in data, and truths that cannot be measured or counted? And how can our knowledge effectively support transformative action?

We are working in a context where harmful narratives sustain systemic oppression against Palestinians, keeping people too confused, distracted, tired, helpless, or fearful to act. Since the Nakba in 1948, Israeli policies and practices have continuously sought to dispossess Palestinians not only of their territory, but also of their story as a people, treating dissenting narratives as an existential threat. Israeli authorities block access to historical archives, pass legislation to suppress commemoration of the Nakba, restrict Palestinians' right to protest, spend millions on public relations campaigns, run a government office dedicated to combating the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement, ban Palestinian flags from public spaces, coordinate disinformation and smear attacks against outspoken people and organizations, and more. Despite the enormity of these tactics, our message for freedom and justice is breaking through.

Collaboration is a core feature of our process. Drawing on a brain trust of dedicated people, we are able to assemble the building blocks of facts, stories, and visuals into a justice-based narrative. Researchers, designers, lawyers, human rights defenders, organizers, artists, architects, entrepreneurs, communications specialists, outreach specialists, web developers, translators, project managers, and administrators are among those whose knowledge and skills have shaped the messages in this book and our overall strategy. Some of the earliest tools we created to facilitate collaboration, the Brief Template and Process Wheel, are included in the annex.

We are grateful to every person who makes this work possible, directly or indirectly: the dissenters and justice-seekers who came before us; the vision nurtured by our cofounders, Ramzi Jaber and Joumana al Jabri; the process established by early partners Ahmad Barclay, Hani Asfour, and Naji El Mir; the contributions of a growing network of current and former team members (see acknowledgments); the researchers and experts behind the

hundreds of books, articles, reports, statistics, databases, maps, and analyses we reference in our visuals; the generosity of volunteers, partners, strategists, and friends; each person who has carried these visuals into spaces of education, advocacy, and action; and the many inspiring groups who strive every day toward freedom for all of us.

We hope that this book can be a source of inspiration and imagination as we work for a world in which these visuals are obsolete, not because they need to be updated with even more dire figures, but because the fundamental conditions of oppression have given way to justice.

Exhibit posted by the Kuwait Mission to the United Nations at an informal meeting of members of the United Nations Security Council in New York, United States, 2018.

Visitors pick up Visualizing Palestine posters at the Palestinian Museum, Birzeit, Palestine, 2019.

Exhibition organized by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, United Kingdom, 2018.

Display during the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) conference in Washington, DC, United States, 2013.

MUSICIANS STAND FOR JUSTICE
Initiated by Palestinian civil society in 2005, the cultural boycott of Israel invites artists to stand in solidarity with human rights. This visual features a selection of musicians who have cancelled, or declined to schedule, appearances in Israel or at events sponsored by Israeli institutions that support the oppression of Palestinians.
DID NOT SCHEDULE EVENT
ENDORSED THE BOYCOTT
CANCELLED EVENT
RESPONDED TO CALL FOR BOYCOTT
UNSCHEDULED POSITION
SPOTIFY LISTENERS PER MONTH
1,000,000+
<1,000,000
<500,000
<150,000
<30,000
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Organizers in Amsterdam, Netherlands, call for a boycott of the Eurovision Song Contest, which was hosted in Israel in 2019. Photo: Nour Sadat

Human rights advocates from Al-Haq present at a session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, 2022.

Diagrams of Power exhibit at OCAD University, Toronto, Canada, 2018.

An exhibition at the Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo, Egypt, 2019.

Activists in Wellington, New Zealand, call for a boycott of Puma over its sponsorship of the Israeli Football Association, which includes teams and matches in illegal Israeli settlements, 2019.

Visualizing Palestine exhibition at the Toronto Palestine Film Festival, Canada, 2023.

1. SETTLER COLONIALISM

Visuals in this section: Palestine Shrinking, Expanding Israel | Settler Colonialism Is Still a Reality | The Zionist Colonization of Palestine | A History of Occupation | Palestinian and Israeli Deaths | Rising Israeli Settler Violence in the Occupied West Bank | Timeline of Violence since 1988 | Fatalities Data Statement | 20 Years of Mourning

> **“To say “settler colonialism” is to name a distinctive phenomenon in which the settler arrives with the intent to stay and supplant native sovereignty—not merely to rule, but to replace through forced assimilation, geographical containment, juridical erasure, and killing.**
>
> *—Noura Erakat and John Reynolds, “Understanding Apartheid” in* Jewish Currents *(2022)*

> **“The question of genocide is never far from discussions of settler colonialism. Land is life—or, at least, land is necessary for life.**
>
> *—Patrick Wolfe, “Settler Colonialism and the Elimination of the Native” in the* Journal of Genocide Research *(2006)*

The Palestinian people’s right to freedom is no more or less complicated than any other people’s. We trace the roots of the Palestinian struggle to European colonialism, which is responsible for settler-colonial projects in Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Palestine, and other territories.

We created two visuals to introduce settler colonialism: **Palestine Shrinking, Expanding Israel** and **Settler Colonialism Is Still a Reality.** We adapted Palestine Shrinking, Expanding Israel from a series of maps activists have used for decades to show how Israeli rule has confined Palestinians to ever-diminishing fragments of their land. These maps communicate that domination over land is at the heart of settler colonialism.[1] In much of our work, maps have been an important tool toward what Palestinian scholar Edward Said described as “reading Zionism from below,” “from the standpoint of its victims.”[2]

The first map in Palestine Shrinking, Expanding Israel dates to 1918, one year after British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour declared his

government's support for a "national home for Jews" in Palestine. At that time, British rule extended over about a quarter of the world population, including Palestinians. Balfour supported the Zionist project because he felt it would "mitigate the age long miseries created for Western civilization by the presence in its midst of a Body which it too long regarded as alien, even hostile," referring to Jewish communities in Europe.[3] Balfour's antisemitic views also come across in a 1905 law he advanced to restrict Jewish immigration to Great Britain.[4] Of Palestinians, Balfour wrote, "We do not propose even to go through the form of consulting the wishes of the present inhabitants of the country."[5] These words mark the start of more than a century of erasure and dispossession for Palestinians.

Theodor Herzl, often called "the father of political Zionism," wrote in 1896 that Israel would be "a rampart of Europe against Asia, an outpost of civilization as opposed to barbarism."[6] His words reflect the ideological link between European white supremacy and Zionism, the political movement to form a Jewish ethnostate in Palestine at a time when more than 90 percent of its native population was not Jewish. Herzl and other early Zionist leaders understood that their project would involve the removal, or "transfer," of Palestinians. "If I wish to substitute a new building for an old one, I must demolish before I construct," he wrote.[7] In **The Zionist Colonization of Palestine,** we look at the history of Zionist settlement across historic Palestine. Importantly, this visual shows the settlement of Palestine as a continuous phenomenon, from the events leading up to the Nakba to the continuous expansion of illegal Israeli settlements today.

In the years after gaining control of 78 percent of historic Palestine in 1948, the Israeli regime pursued further territorial expansion. **A History of Occupation** shows the ever-shifting geography of Israeli military rule. As of this writing, Israel exercises de facto control over the entirety of historic Palestine and the Syrian Golan Heights.

In a system set up to ensure continued Israeli domination, Palestinians experience unrelenting violence. Paulo Freire tells us in his foundational

work of critical pedagogy that violence begins with the relationship of oppression itself. In his view:

> Never in history has violence been initiated by the oppressed…. There would be no oppressed had there been no prior situation of violence to establish their subjugation. Violence is initiated by those who oppress, who exploit, who fail to recognize others as persons.[8]

> While the human cost of colonialism cannot be measured by fatalities data alone (especially when that data is only documented back to 1988), **Palestinian and Israeli Deaths; Rising Israeli Settler Violence in the Occupied West Bank; Timeline of Violence since 1988; Fatalities Data Statement;** and **20 Years of Mourning** are all efforts to capture the vast asymmetry of violence enacted by settler states on colonized peoples. Sometimes, the systematized violence of settler colonialism unfolds incrementally, while other times it erupts into "genocidal moments" of mass killing and expulsion, as we are witnessing at the time of writing this book.[9]

PALESTINE SHRINKING EXPANDING ISRAEL
1918
1947
1990
2017
UNDER OTTOMAN RULE, ZIONIST ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, BEGIN TO MAKE LAND PURCHASES THROUGHOUT PALESTINE FOR JEWISH SETTLEMENT.
PRIVATISATION OF LAND UNDER THE BRITISH MANDATE ACCELERATES ITS TRANSFER AND SALE TO ZIONIST ORGANISATIONS, AND THE DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINIAN INHABITANTS.
FOLLOWING THE FORCED DISPLACEMENT [NAKBA] OF OVER 750,000 PALESTINIANS IN 1948, THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL ENACTS LAWS TO CONFISCATE THE VAST MAJORITY OF PALESTINIAN LANDS.
SINCE OCCUPYING THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IN 1967, ISRAEL HAS UNILATERALLY DECLARED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HECTARES OF SO CALLED 'STATE LAND' FOR ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS.
SOURCES
Text based on
BADIL, 2000. Land Ownership in Palestine/Israel 1920–2000.
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BTselem, 2010. By Hook And By Crook: Israeli Settlement Policy In The West Bank.
Maps adapted from
Makel Shoshan, 2010. Atlas of the Conflict: Israel–Palestine
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Zionist Settlements
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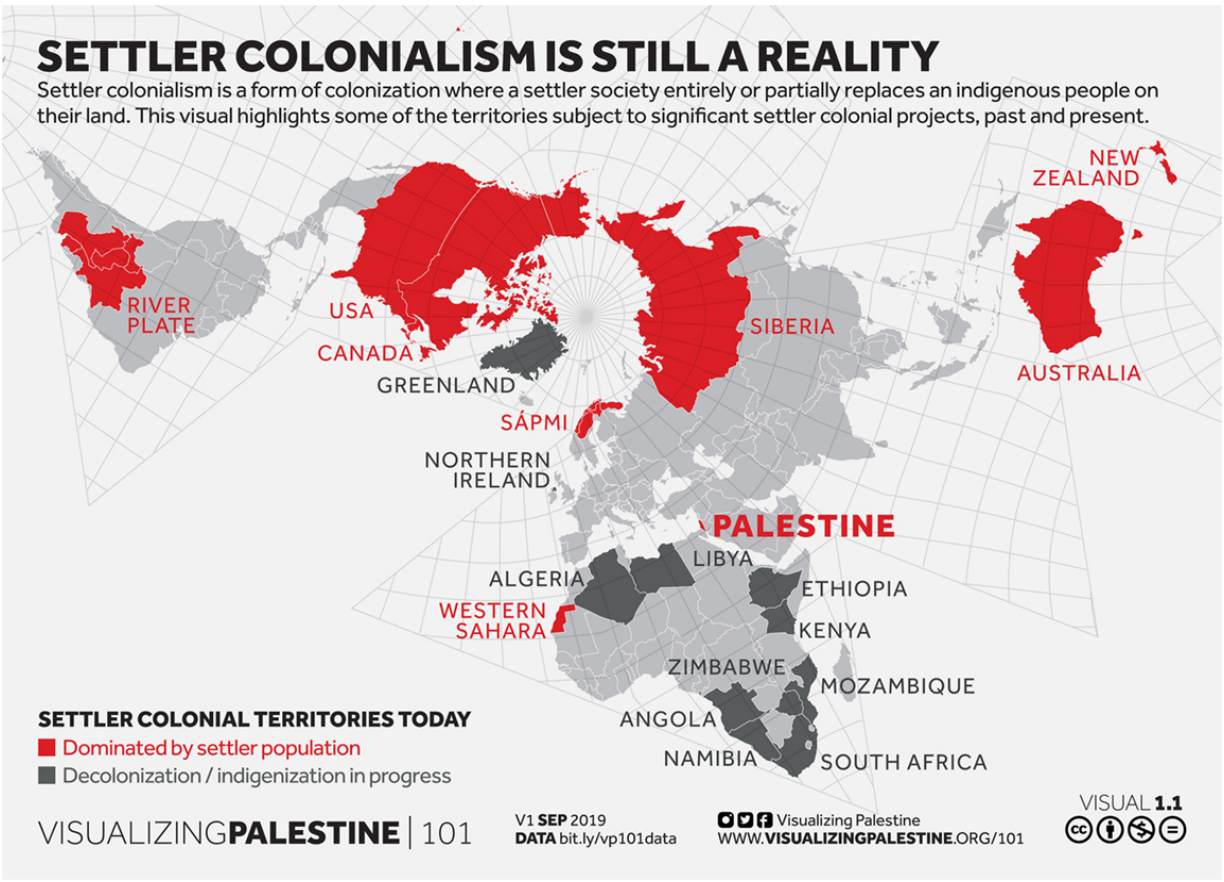

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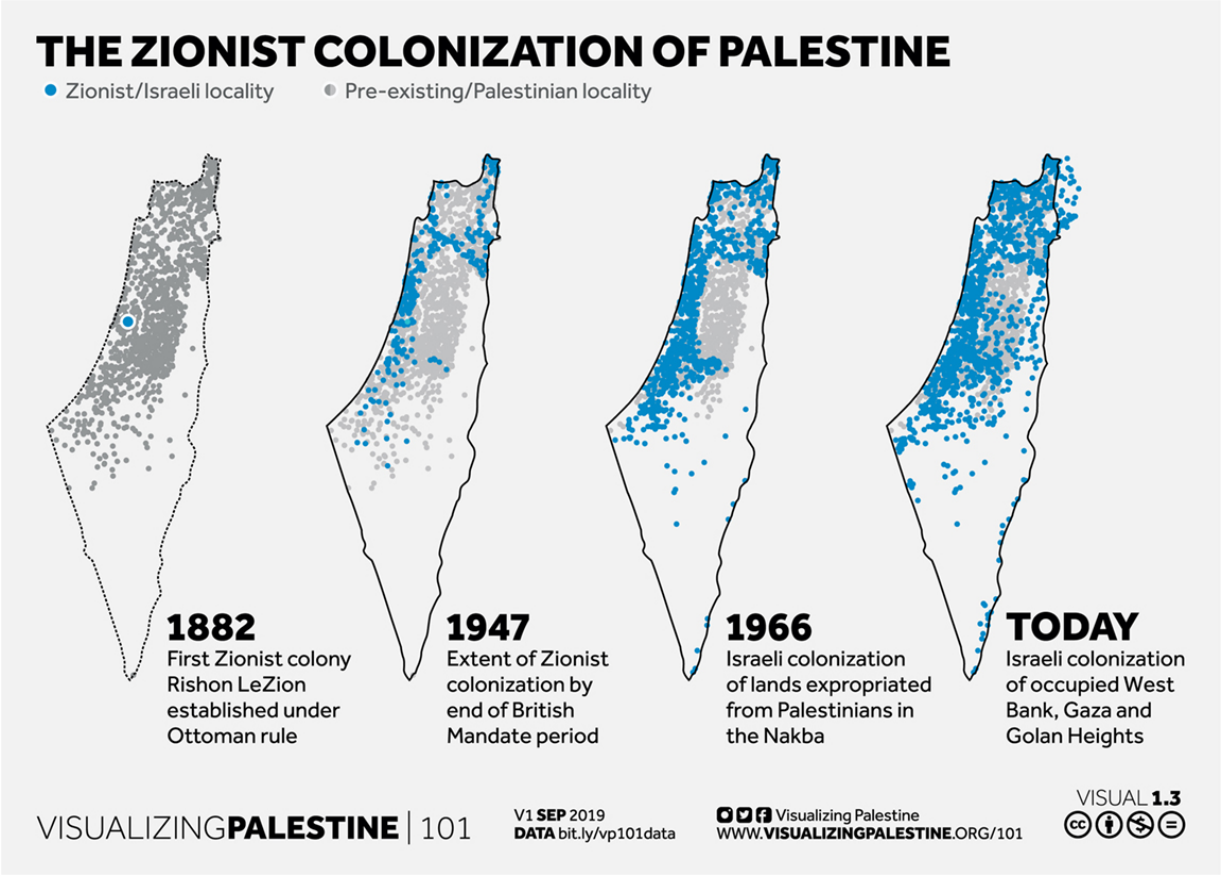

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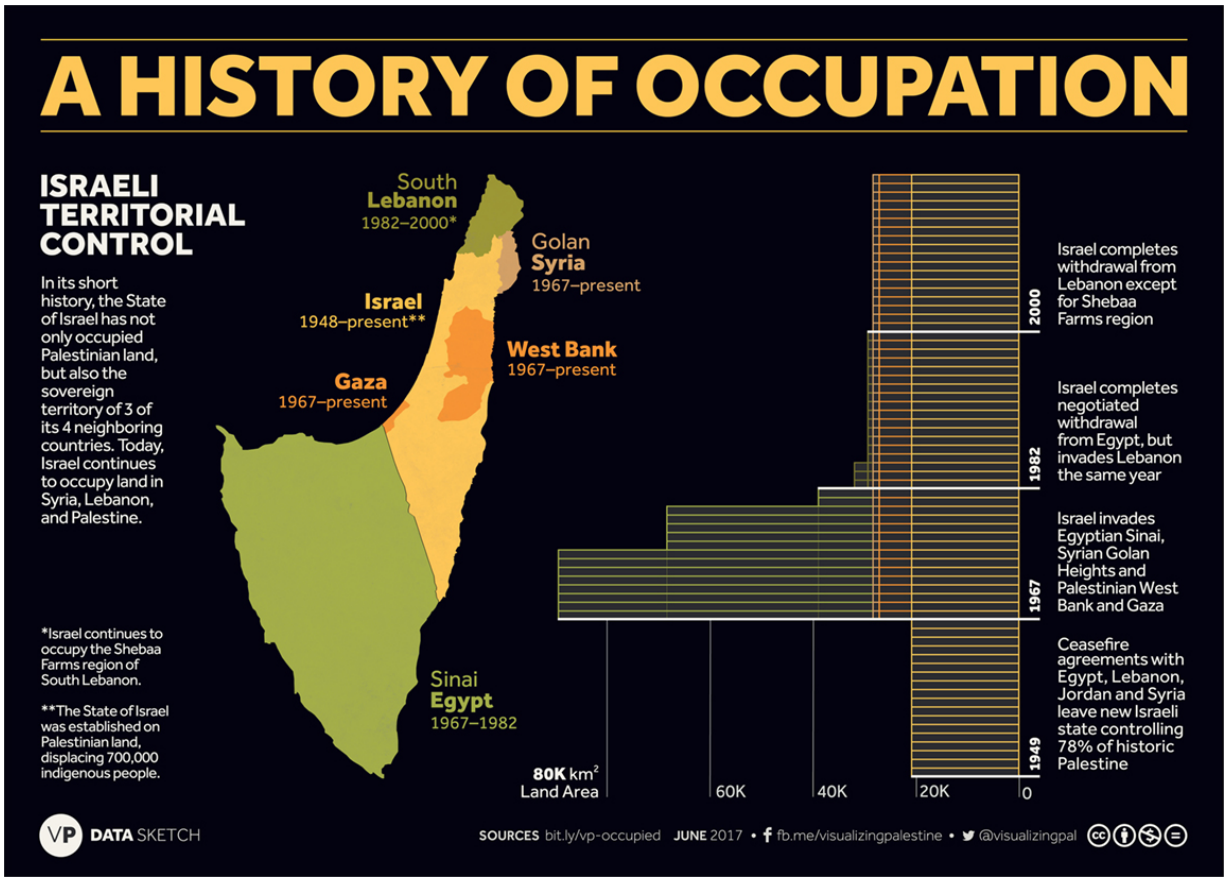
A HISTORY OF OCCUPATION
ISRAELI TERRITORIAL CONTROL
In its short history, the State of Israel has not only occupied Palestinian land, but also the sovereign territory of 3 of its 4 neighboring countries. Today, Israel continues to occupy land in Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine.
*Israel continues to occupy the Shebaa Farms region of South Lebanon.
**The State of Israel was established on Palestinian land, displacing 700,000 indigenous people.
South Lebanon 1982–2000*
Golan Syria 1967–present
Israel 1948–present**
West Bank 1967–present
Gaza 1967–present
Sinai Egypt 1967–1982
2000
Israel completes withdrawal from Lebanon except for Shebaa Farms region
1982
Israel completes negotiated withdrawal from Egypt, but invades Lebanon the same year
1967
Israel invades Egyptian Sinai, Syrian Golan Heights and Palestinian West Bank and Gaza
1949
Ceasefire agreements with Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria leave new Israeli state controlling 78% of historic Palestine
80K km² Land Area
60K
40K
20K
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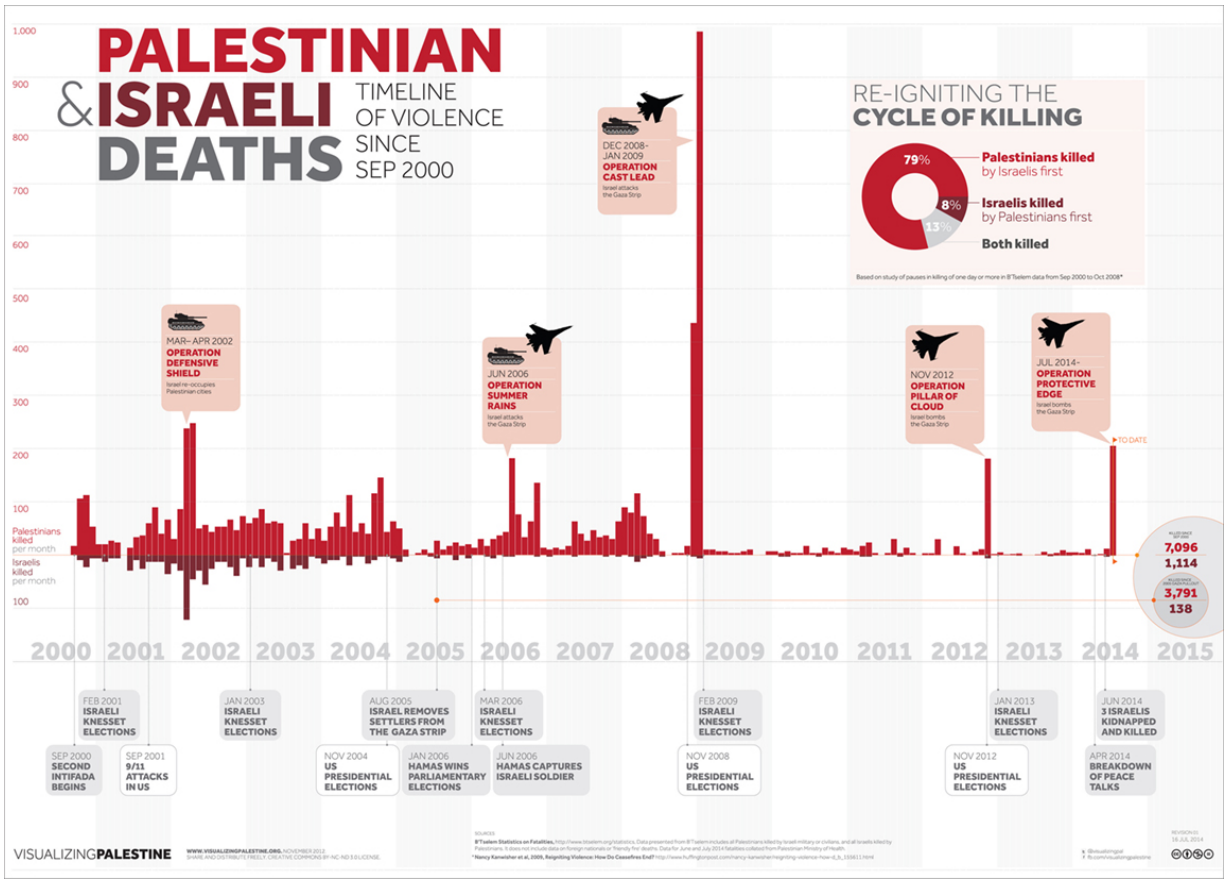
PALESTINIAN & ISRAELI DEATHS
TIMELINE OF VIOLENCE SINCE SEP 2000
RE-IGNITING THE CYCLE OF KILLING
79% Palestinians killed by Israelis first
8% Israelis killed by Palestinians first
13% Both killed
Based on study of pauses in killing of one day or more in B'Tselem data from Sep 2000 to Oct 2008*
DEC 2008- JAN 2009 OPERATION CAST LEAD
MAR- APR 2002 OPERATION DEFENSIVE SHIELD
JUN 2006 OPERATION SUMMER RAINS
NOV 2012 OPERATION PILLAR OF CLOUD
JUL 2014- OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE
TO DATE
Palestinians killed per month
Israelis killed per month
7,096
1,114
3,791
138
2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
FEB 2001 ISRAELI KNESSET ELECTIONS
SEP 2000 SECOND INTIFADA BEGINS
SEP 2001 9/11 ATTACKS IN US
JAN 2003 ISRAELI KNESSET ELECTIONS
AUG 2005 ISRAEL REMOVES SETTLERS FROM THE GAZA STRIP
NOV 2004 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
JAN 2006 HAMAS WINS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
MAR 2006 ISRAELI KNESSET ELECTIONS
JUN 2006 HAMAS CAPTURES ISRAELI SOLDIER
FEB 2009 ISRAELI KNESSET ELECTIONS
NOV 2008 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
JAN 2013 ISRAELI KNESSET ELECTIONS
NOV 2012 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
JUN 2014 3 ISRAELIS KIDNAPPED AND KILLED
APR 2014 BREAKDOWN OF PEACE TALKS
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RISING ISRAELI SETTLER VIOLENCE
IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

2017
10 ATTACKS* EACH WEEK, ON AVERAGE

*3 attacks resulting in casualties or property damage and 7 cases of harassment, intimidation, or trespassing

2 people injured | **114** trees vandalized | **1** livestock stolen, killed, or injured | **2** vehicles vandalized

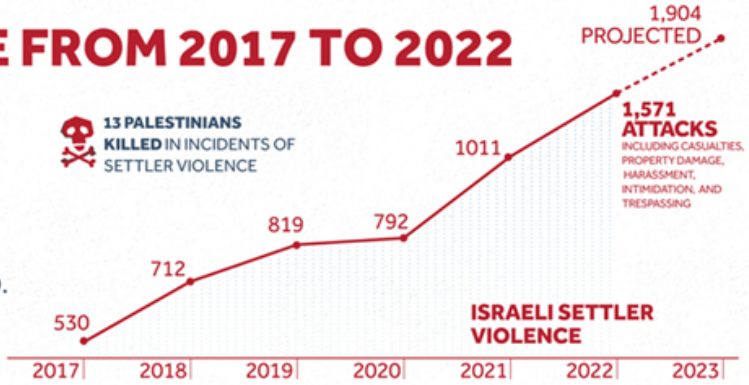
= 10 trees

2022
30 ATTACKS* EACH WEEK, ON AVERAGE

*16 attacks resulting in casualties or property damage and 14 cases of harassment, intimidation, or trespassing

46 people injured | **241** trees vandalized | **6** livestock stolen, killed, or injured | **14** vehicles vandalized

196% INCREASE FROM 2017 TO 2022



"**SETTLERS ATTACKED US AT NIGHT**. THEY STOLE THE SHEEP AND HAD WEAPONS WITH THEM. THEY RAN AFTER MY CHILDREN... NOW EVERY TIME WE HEAR THE SOUND OF A CAR WE ARE SCARED.

Palestinian woman from Al-Mughayyir

13 PALESTINIANS KILLED IN INCIDENTS OF SETTLER VIOLENCE

PREMIERE URGENCE INTERNATIONALE

WEST BANK PROTECTION CONSORTIUM

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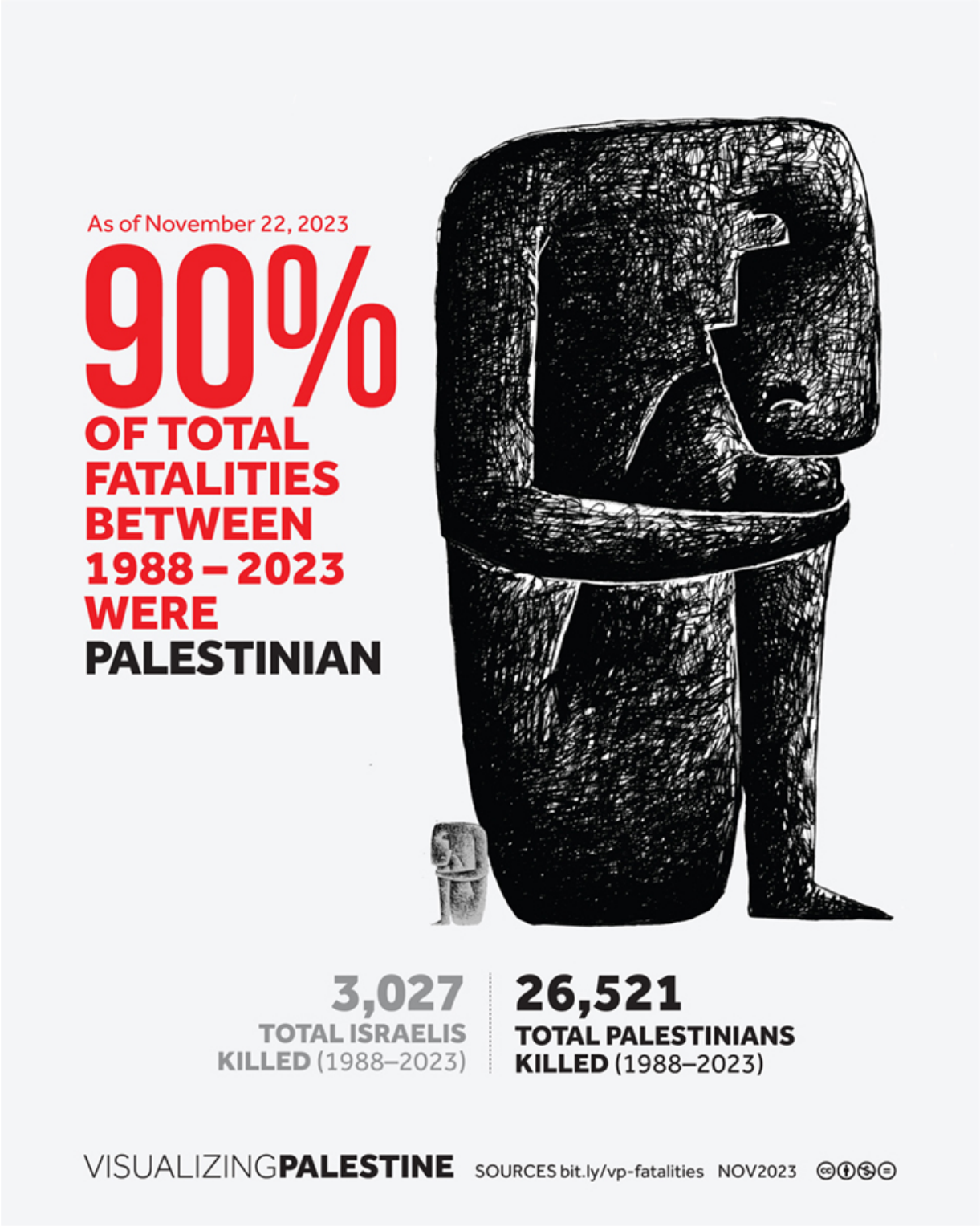

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20
YEARS OF
MOURNING
If we dedicated 1 day to mourn each person killed between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River from 2006–2022, we would be in mourning for over 20 years
>19 YEARS MOURNING PALESTINIANS KILLED
<1 YEAR MOURNING ISRAELIS KILLED
96% OF FATALITIES WERE PALESTINIAN (2006–2022)
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2. THE ONGOING NAKBA

Visuals in this section: An Ongoing Displacement | A Policy of Displacement | Where Palestinians Live Today | Back to School | Palestinian Labour Force in Lebanon | Return Is Possible (map) | Return Is Possible (list)

“Just as the ripples of a stone thrown into a pond will spread further and further away from the source, so the ripples of the disaster in 1948 hit my parents first and then spread to us and to our children long afterwards. Seeing only the ripples, it was easy to confuse the original cause with its effects.

—*Ghada Karmi,* Return: A Palestinian Memoir *(2015)*

“The Nakba is an extended present that promises to continue in the future…. For the Palestinians the meaning of this war consists in their being subjected to continual uprooting, in their transformation into refugees on their own land and beyond it, in the attempt, following the occupation of their land and history, to banish their existence, to turn their existence from an unequivocal entity in space and time to redundant shadows exiled from space and time.

—*Mahmoud Darwish,* Al-Ahram Weekly *(2001)*

In 1948, Zionist paramilitaries carried out the Nakba—the Arabic word for “catastrophe”—completely depopulating over 530 Palestinian localities and expelling around 750,000 Palestinians, or about three-quarters of the Indigenous population, in the areas that became part of the Israeli state. There is not a single Palestinian family who does not have a Nakba story, and every Palestinian has certainly experienced its ripple effects. **An Ongoing Displacement** shows how this formative period of ethnic cleansing was not a singular event. Instead, it marked the start of continuous displacement, dispossession, and erasure of Palestinian communities under Israeli rule.

A Policy of Displacement explores the ongoing Nakba through Israel’s policy of home demolitions and military bombardments, which have driven hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their homes. To build a home in

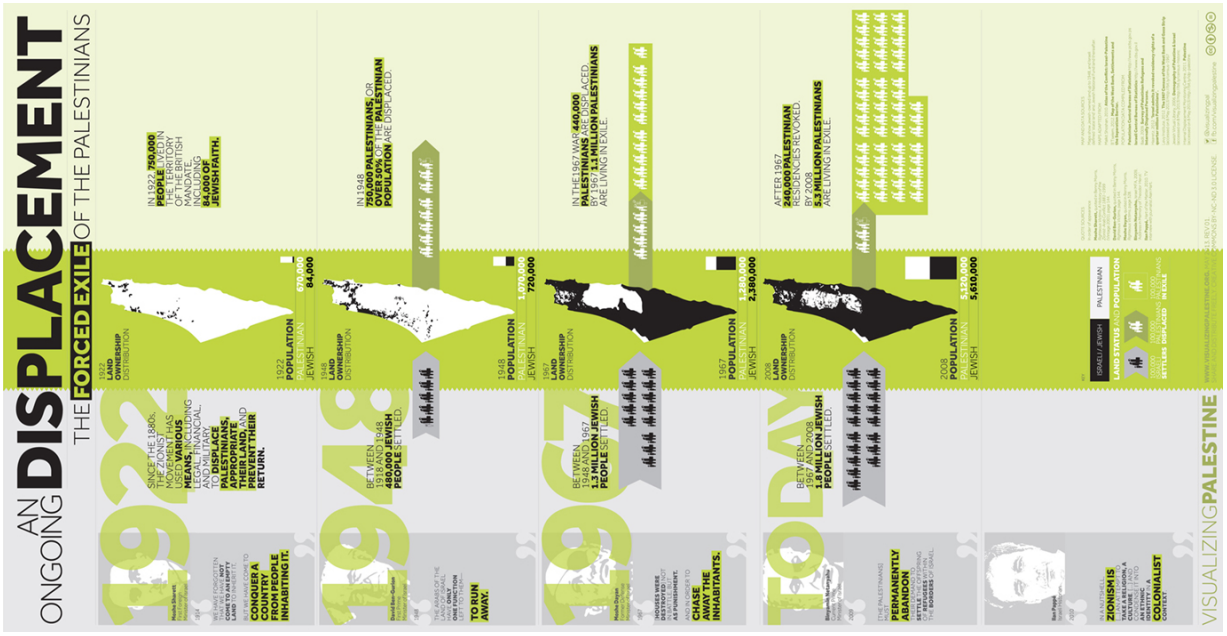
East Jerusalem and most of the West Bank, Palestinians must obtain a building permit from Israeli authorities. Israel either denies or delays the vast majority of requests to build in Palestinian areas, while approving scores of permits to expand housing in illegal Israeli settlements.[1] Since it is nearly impossible to build "legally," thousands of Palestinians live under constant threat of having their home, the source of their safety and stability, demolished.

Where Palestinians Live Today illustrates that, despite decades of forced displacement, around half of the Palestinian people still live in their historic homeland. The majority of the other half is displaced in neighboring Arab countries, including in refugee camps administered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria, where they experience various layers of hardship. **Back to School** depicts the challenges faced by Palestinian refugee children in Syria in accessing the basic right to education. As of 2021, over half of the 438,000 Palestinian refugees in Syria had been displaced again within Syria, and 120,000 had fled to nearby countries, including Jordan and Lebanon.[2]

The **Palestinian Labour Force in Lebanon** series visualizes how, despite their valuable contributions to the Lebanese economy, Palestinian refugees in Lebanon continue to be disenfranchised three generations after the Nakba. Around 210,000 Palestinian refugees live in twelve official refugee camps in Lebanon, and 93 percent of them were living in poverty as of 2022. They face discriminatory policies that prevent them from accessing health care and limit their participation in thirty-nine professions.[3]

The right of return is central to the Palestinian struggle. In 1948, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194 stated that Palestinian "refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date."[4] Israeli policy systematically denies Palestinian refugees their right to return to their homes, or even to visit in many cases. Meanwhile, the Israeli Law of Return invites Jews from anywhere in the world not only to visit but to gain

immediate citizenship. The two-part **Return Is Possible** series shows that the vast majority of destroyed Palestinian towns and villages in historic Palestine have not been built over. The visual reflects Palestinians' enduring connection to their cities, villages, and places of origin, and their collective imagination of what return would look like. Return Is Possible was partly inspired by the work of Palestinian researcher Salman Abu Sitta, who said, "We, all of us, must work actively for the return of the refugees. Only when they return, when they are rehabilitated in their own homes, assured of decent living and safety from racism and apartheid, can we say peace prevails."[5]



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A POLICY OF
DISPLACEMENT
22 HOMES 88 HOMELESS
222 HOMES 1,094 HOMELESS
4,455 HOMES 20,000+ HOMELESS
25,000 HOMES 160,000+ HOMELESS
THE HOUSE DEMOLITION POLICY REPRESENTS A POLICY OF DISPLACEMENT, OF ONE PEOPLE DISPOSSESSING ANOTHER, TAKING BOTH THEIR LANDS AND THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
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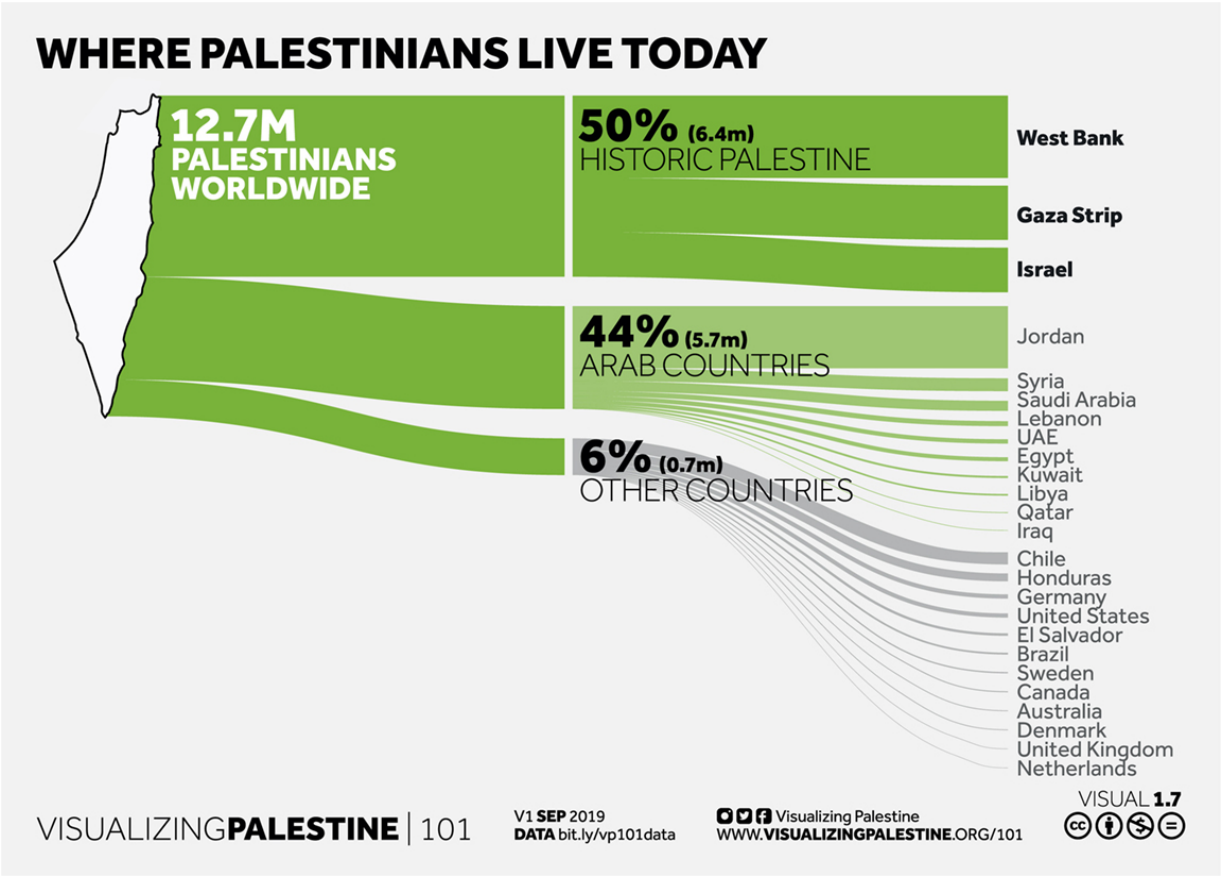

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BACK TO SCHOOL

SYRIA EMERGENCY: PALESTINE REFUGEE CHILDREN

2/3
PALESTINE REFUGEE CHILDREN
AFFECTED BY CLOSURES
OF UNRWA SCHOOLS IN SYRIA

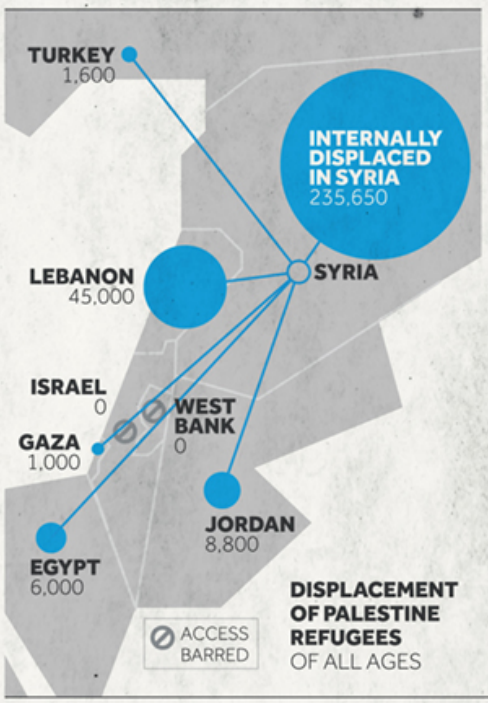
OF **118** UNRWA SCHOOLS IN SYRIA

68 CLOSED DUE TO DAMAGE OR INSECURITY

10 OPERATE AS **EMERGENCY SHELTERS** FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE

40 REMAINED OPERATIONAL LAST ACADEMIC YEAR

41 ALTERNATIVE BUILDINGS FOR SCHOOLS SECURED BY UNRWA



DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINE REFUGEES OF ALL AGES

LEBANON

AS OF JUNE 2013, **35%** OF PALESTINE REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM SYRIA HAD **ENROLLED IN SCHOOL**

JORDAN

PALESTINE REFUGEES FROM SYRIA AT UNRWA SCHOOLS **EXPECTED TO DOUBLE** FROM PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR BY END OF 2013

SOURCES
Data provided by UNRWA. 24,000 out of 67,000 Palestine refugee children attending UNRWA schools in Syria in the first half of 2013.
Data on displacement of Palestine refugees from Syria provided by UNRWA as of 7 September 2013.

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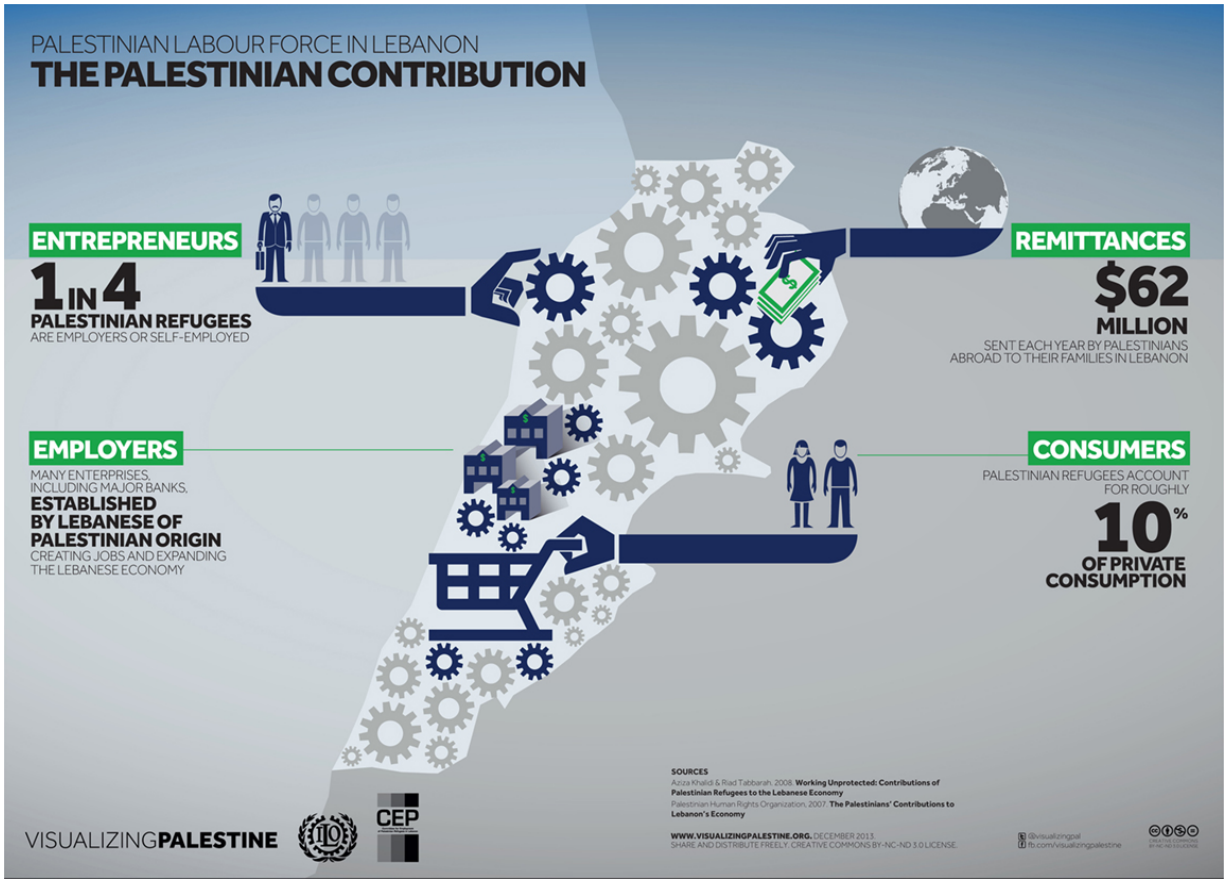
PALESTINIAN LABOUR FORCE IN LEBANON
THE PALESTINIAN CONTRIBUTION
ENTREPRENEURS
1 IN 4
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES
ARE EMPLOYERS OR SELF-EMPLOYED
REMITTANCES
$62
MILLION
SENT EACH YEAR BY PALESTINIANS ABROAD TO THEIR FAMILIES IN LEBANON
EMPLOYERS
MANY ENTERPRISES, INCLUDING MAJOR BANKS, ESTABLISHED BY LEBANESE OF PALESTINIAN ORIGIN CREATING JOBS AND EXPANDING THE LEBANESE ECONOMY
CONSUMERS
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES ACCOUNT FOR ROUGHLY
10%
OF PRIVATE CONSUMPTION
SOURCES
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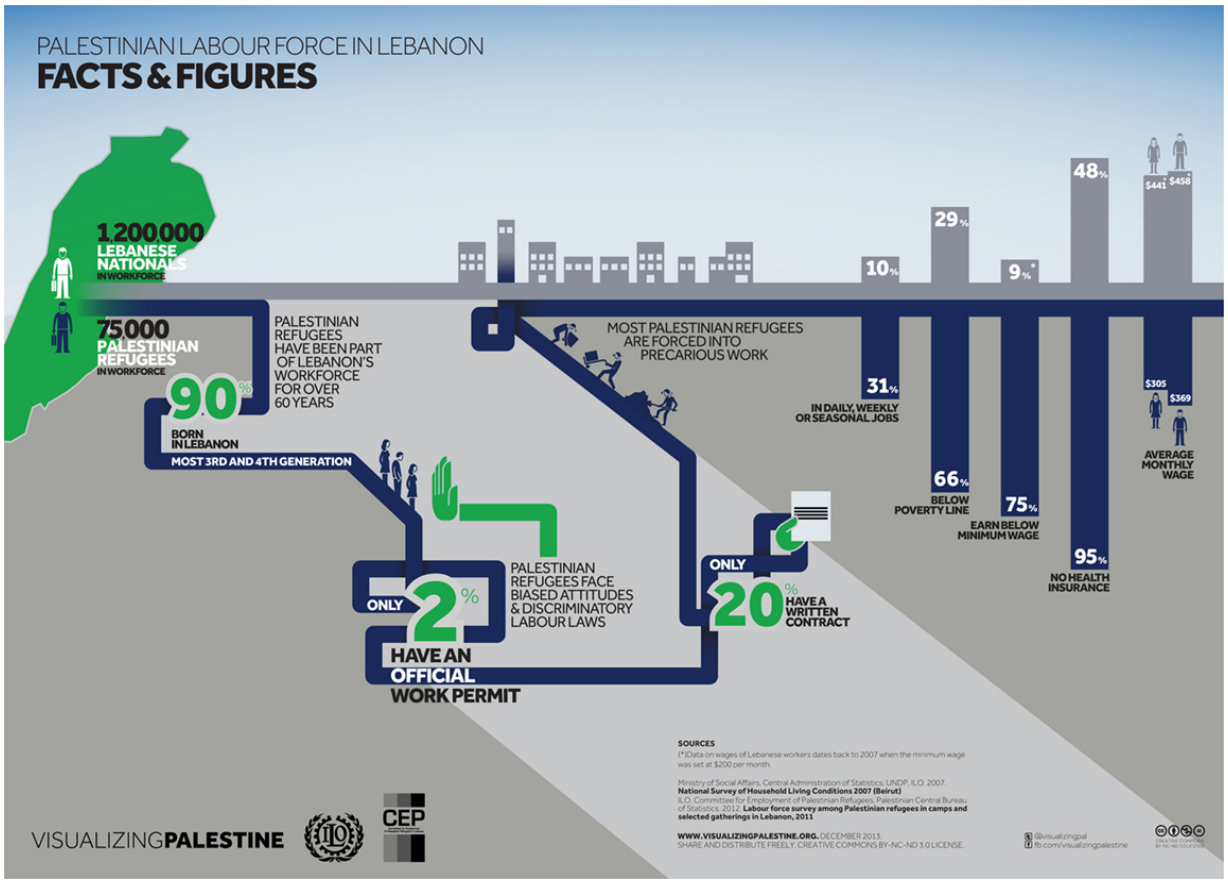
PALESTINIAN LABOUR FORCE IN LEBANON
FACTS & FIGURES
1,200,000
LEBANESE NATIONALS
IN WORKFORCE
75,000
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES
IN WORKFORCE
90%
BORN IN LEBANON
MOST 3RD AND 4TH GENERATION
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES HAVE BEEN PART OF LEBANON'S WORKFORCE FOR OVER 60 YEARS
ONLY 2%
HAVE AN OFFICIAL WORK PERMIT
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES FACE BIASED ATTITUDES & DISCRIMINATORY LABOUR LAWS
MOST PALESTINIAN REFUGEES ARE FORCED INTO PRECARIOUS WORK
ONLY 20% HAVE A WRITTEN CONTRACT
31% IN DAILY, WEEKLY OR SEASONAL JOBS
66% BELOW POVERTY LINE
75% EARN BELOW MINIMUM WAGE
95% NO HEALTH INSURANCE
10%
29%
9%*
48%
$441
$458
$305
$369
AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE
SOURCES
(*)Data on wages of Lebanese workers dates back to 2007 when the minimum wage was set at $200 per month.
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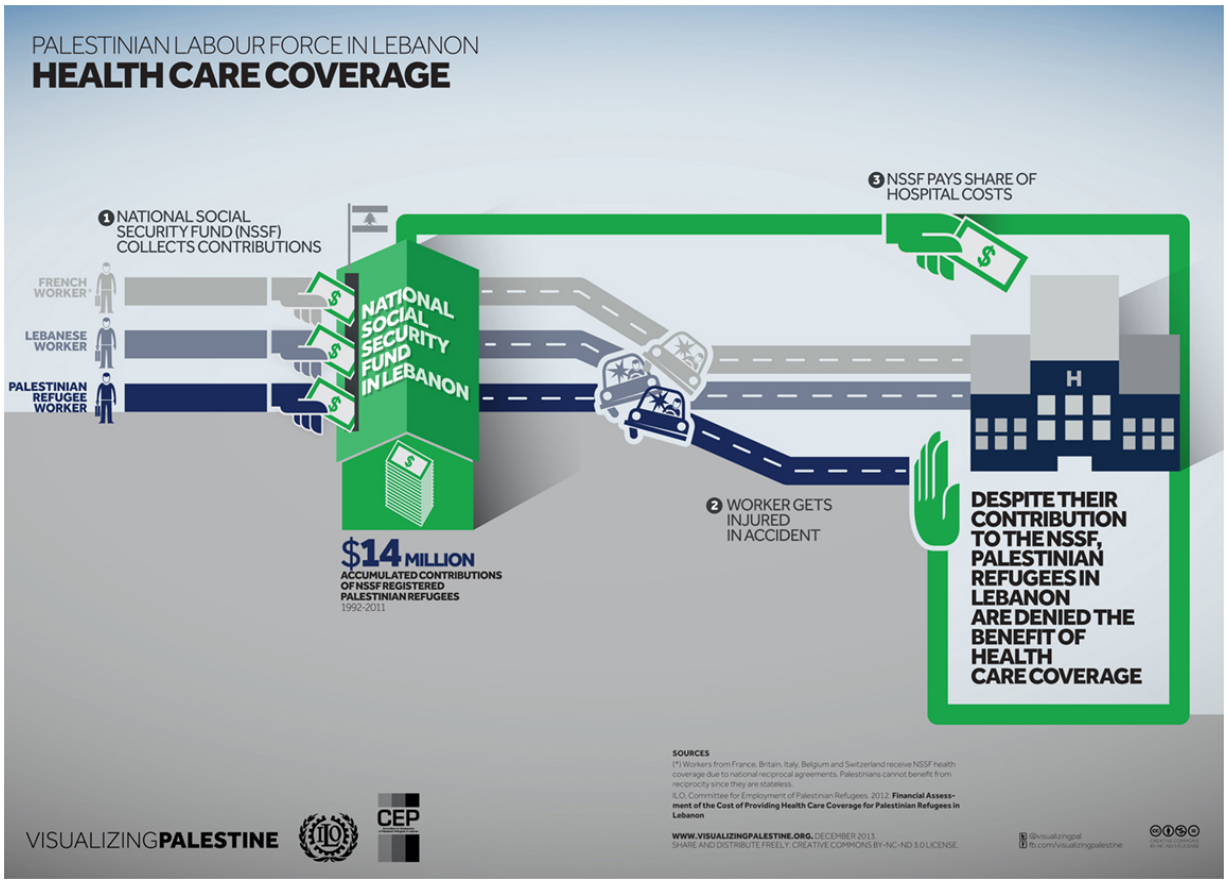
PALESTINIAN LABOUR FORCE IN LEBANON
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
1 NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND (NSSF) COLLECTS CONTRIBUTIONS
FRENCH WORKER*
LEBANESE WORKER
PALESTINIAN REFUGEE WORKER
NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND IN LEBANON
$14 MILLION
ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF NSSF REGISTERED PALESTINIAN REFUGEES
1992-2011
2 WORKER GETS INJURED IN ACCIDENT
3 NSSF PAYS SHARE OF HOSPITAL COSTS
H
DESPITE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NSSF, PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON ARE DENIED THE BENEFIT OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
SOURCES
(*) Workers from France, Britain, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland receive NSSF health coverage due to national reciprocal agreements. Palestinians cannot benefit from reciprocity since they are stateless.
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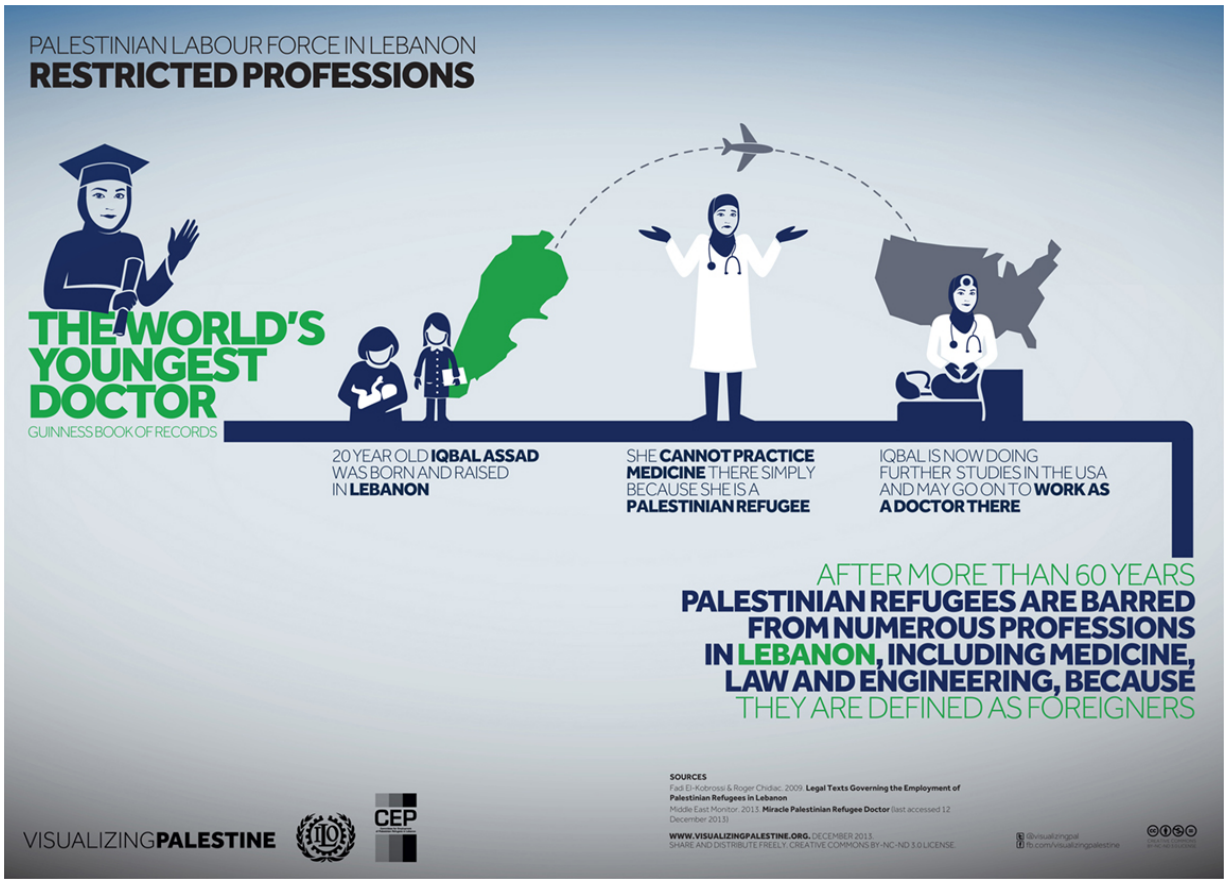
PALESTINIAN LABOUR FORCE IN LEBANON
RESTRICTED PROFESSIONS
THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST DOCTOR
GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS
20 YEAR OLD IQBAL ASSAD WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LEBANON
SHE CANNOT PRACTICE MEDICINE THERE SIMPLY BECAUSE SHE IS A PALESTINIAN REFUGEE
IQBAL IS NOW DOING FURTHER STUDIES IN THE USA AND MAY GO ON TO WORK AS A DOCTOR THERE
AFTER MORE THAN 60 YEARS
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES ARE BARRED FROM NUMEROUS PROFESSIONS IN LEBANON, INCLUDING MEDICINE, LAW AND ENGINEERING, BECAUSE THEY ARE DEFINED AS FOREIGNERS
SOURCES
Fadi El-Kobrossi & Roger Chidiac. 2009. Legal Texts Governing the Employment of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon
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THE STATUS OF 536 PALESTINIAN VILLAGES DEPOPULATED BY ISRAEL

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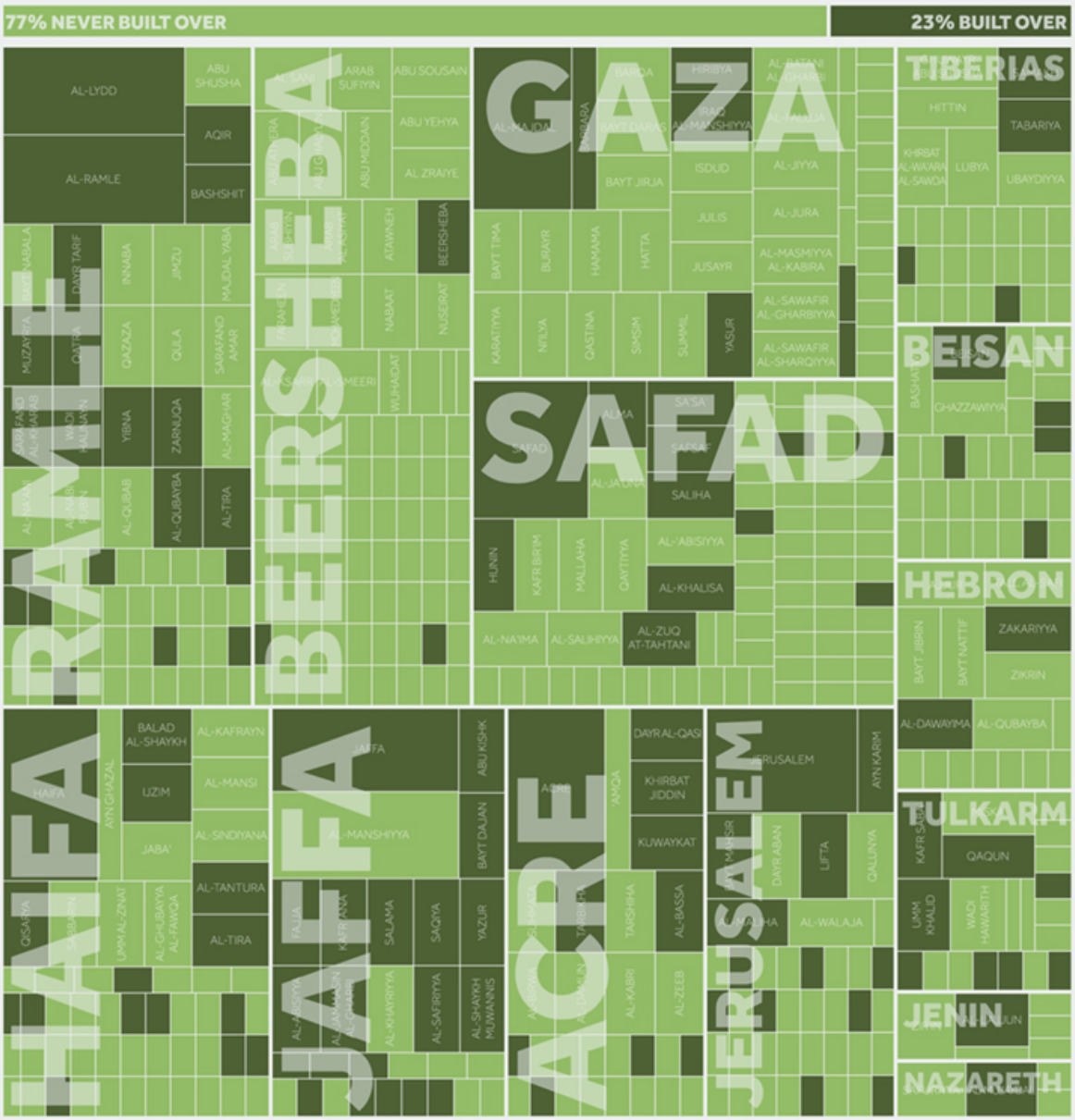

Depopulated towns/villages organised by British Mandate districts. The size of each is relative to population in 1948. 'Never built over' refers to the original built-up area of the village. Precise location of some communities in Beersheba district unknown, but assumed not to be built over as region is sparsely populated.

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77% NOT BUILT OVER | **23% BUILT OVER**

ACRE DISTRICT ACRE AL-BASSA AL-BIRWA AL-DAMUN AL-GHABISIYYA AL-KABRI AL-MANSHIYYA AL-MANSURA AL-NABI RUBIN AL-NAHR AL-RUWAYS AL-SUMAYRIYYA AL-TALL AL-ZEEB AMQA ARAB AL-SAMNIYYA ARAB GHAWARINA DAYR AL-QASI IQRIT KAFR 'INAN KHIRBAT 'IRIBBIN KHIRBAT JIDDIN KUWAYKAT MIAR SUHMATA SURUH TARBIKHA TARSHIHA UMM AL-FARAJ BEERSHEBA DISTRICT ABU ABDOUN ABU AL UDOUS ABU AL-HUSSAIN ABU AMRAH ABU ATHERA ABU BAKRAH ABU GHALION ABU GHALYUN ABU GRAINAT ABU JABER ABU JRAIBAN ABU JUGAIM ABU JUWAYED ABU KAFF ABU KHATLEH ABU LIBBEH ABU MIDDAIN ABU MUAILIQ ABU RAWWAA ABU RBAIA ABU RQAYIQ ABU SHALHOUB ABU SHUNNAR ABU SITTEH ABU SOUSAIN ABU SUAILIQ ABU SUHAIBAN ABU YEHYA AL ASAM AL BURAIQI AL FUKARA AL-NUWAIRI AL OMOUR AL SANI AL SANI AL SOUFI AL ZRAIYE AL-ARAQIB AL-DIQS AL-HUZAIYIL AL-'IMARA AL-JAMMAMA AL-KHALASA AL-KSARR AL-SAWAKHNEH AL-SMEERI AL-ZUWAIRA ARAB AL ASIYAT ARAB AL-QILAI ARAB SUBEIHAT ARAB SUBHIYIN ARAB SUFIYIN ASLUJ ATAWNEH BDINAT BEERSHEBA BELI BENI OKBEH BIN AJLAN BIN RIFEE BIN SABBAH FARAHEEN GALAZIN TAYAHA GATATWEH HKUK AL-ASSAD JANABIB KURNUB MASAMEREH MASOUDIYEEN MOHAMEDIYEEN MUREIAT NABAAT NUSEIRAT RAWASHDEH SHEIKH NURAN SHLALYEEN SHO'OUR SUBAIHAT SUBHIYEEN THABET UJA AL-HAFEER UMM AL-RASHRASH UROUR WUHAIDAT WUHAIDAT WULAYDEH ZARABEH ZARABEH BEISAN DISTRICT AL-ASHRAFIYYA AL-BIRA AL-FATUR AL-GHAZZAWIYYA AL-HAMIDIYYA AL-HAMRA AL-KHUNAYZIR AL-MURASSAS AL-SAKHINA AL-SAMIRIYYA AL-TIRA ARAB AL-ARIDA ARAB AL-BAWATI ARAB AL-SAFA ARAB ZARRA'A BASHATWI BEISAN DANNA FARWANA JABBUL KAFRA KAWKAB AL-HAWA KHIRBAT AL-TAQA KHIRBAT AL-ZAWIYA MASIL AL-JIZL QUMYA SHATTA SIRIN TALL AL-SHAWK UMM AJRA YUBLA ZABA GAZA DISTRICT AL-BATANI AL-GHARBI AL-BATANI AL-SHARQI AL-FALUJA AL-JALADIYYA AL-JIYYA AL-JURA AL-MAJDAL AL-MASMIYYA AL-KABIRA AL-MASMIYYA AL-SAGHIRA AL-MUHARRAQA AL-SAWAFIR AL-GHARBIYYA AL-SAWAFIR AL-SHAMALIYYA AL-SAWAFIR AL-SHARQIYYA ARAB SUQRIR BARBARA BARQA BAYT AFFA BAYT DARAS BAYT JIRJA BAYT TIMA BI'LIN BURAYR DAYR SUNAYD DIMRA HAMAMA HATTA HIRIBYA HUJ HULAYQAT IBDIS IRAQ 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KHIRBAT BAYT LID KHIRBAT ZALAFA KHIRBET AL-MANSHIYYA KHIRBET KHRESH MISKA QAQUN TABSUR UMM KHALID WADI AL-HAWARITH WADI QABBANI

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“Inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them.

—Definition of the crime of apartheid, 1973 United Nations International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

“[T]he available evidence establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that Israel is guilty of policies and practices that constitute the crime of apartheid.

—United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), “Israeli Practices towards the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid” (withdrawn) (2017)

From 1945 to 1968, dozens of newly independent states in Africa and Asia entered the United Nations, where they formed a majority coalition. Together, they pushed for the 1973 Apartheid Convention, defining apartheid as a universal crime against humanity and making it illegal under international law. The crime of apartheid is now widely recognized as applicable to the system of Israeli rule over Palestinians.

Both the mass displacement of Palestinians by Israel and the formalization of apartheid in South Africa occurred in 1948. By the 1970s, the two apartheid regimes had formed a close military alliance.[1] Although apartheid looks different in every case, **Apartheid/Hafrada** introduces some of the parallels that leading anti-apartheid figures like Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu recognized between the South African and Israeli regimes. In a 1997 address on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, President Mandela said, “We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians.”[2] Seventeen years later, Archbishop Tutu called for sanctions against Israel,

writing, “I know first-hand that Israel has created an apartheid reality within its borders and through its occupation. The parallels to my own beloved South Africa are painfully stark indeed.”[3]

One of the ongoing goals of Visualizing Palestine’s work has been to help people see beyond the disconnected and isolated events that put Palestinians in the headlines. Oppression in Palestine is “a structure, not an event,”[4] and apartheid is a system of control that permeates every aspect of Palestinians’ daily life, from the mundane to the monumental. **The One State Reality** focuses on some of the more banal examples of this control. Its title speaks to the insistence by political elites, especially in the United States, that a two-state solution is the only formula for Palestinians to imagine their freedom, long after such a solution has been rendered obsolete by Israel’s illegal settlement enterprise and apartheid policies.

In 2017, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) became the first UN body to declare that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid. Under pressure from Israel and the United States, UN Secretary-General António Guterres withdrew ESCWA’s groundbreaking report, titled “Israeli Practices towards the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid,” claiming that the withdrawal was “not about content” but “process.”[5]

The ESCWA report emphasizes the fragmentation of the Palestinian people as “the core method through which Israel enforces apartheid.”[6] This fragmentation is administered by the Israeli identity card system, depicted in **Identity Crisis.** Since 1967, the Israeli government has issued an identity card to every person born between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. This system not only separates Jews from non-Jews, it also maintains control over Palestinians by fragmenting them into five different geographic and legal domains, shown again in **Divide and Dominate.** Color-coded identity cards uphold a hierarchy of rights, dictating who can and cannot move freely, live with the person they marry, access essential medical care, get a fair trial, and much more.

Apologists for Israeli apartheid often point out that Palestinian citizens of Israel can vote and hold political office, but **Israeli Law Institutionalizes Discrimination** shows that more than sixty Israeli laws make them second-class citizens. This includes the 2018 Nation-State Law, which explicitly states that only Jews have national rights under Israeli rule.

The Israeli-controlled Jerusalem Municipality adopted a city plan that aims to maintain a "demographic balance" of 60 percent Jews and 40 percent Palestinians in the city, in part through "spatial segregation of the various population groups."[7] **Jerusalem: A City for All?, Residency Revocation, Anatomy of Inequality,** and **Living under Policies of Colonization in Jerusalem** explore the layered, multifaceted ways that Israeli authorities pursue this goal in Jerusalem. Spatial segregation is visible across historic Palestine, and **Bethlehem Besieged, Heritage under Threat,** and **Shuhada St.** offer case studies from other cities.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) was established by the Oslo accords as a transitional body until the realization of an independent Palestinian state. Over the years, the PA has come to act as a subcontractor of Israeli military occupation. Palestinian scholar Alaa Tartir notes that the PA security establishment "has failed to protect Palestinians from the main source of their insecurity: the Israeli military occupation. Nor has it empowered Palestinians to resist that occupation."[8] **How the PA Aids Israel's Occupation** depicts the PA's lack of practical or moral authority in the struggle against apartheid. **Politicians' Salaries and Income Inequality** highlights the issue of corruption in Palestine and globally, based on data comparing the salaries of politicians to the national income per capita in their respective countries.

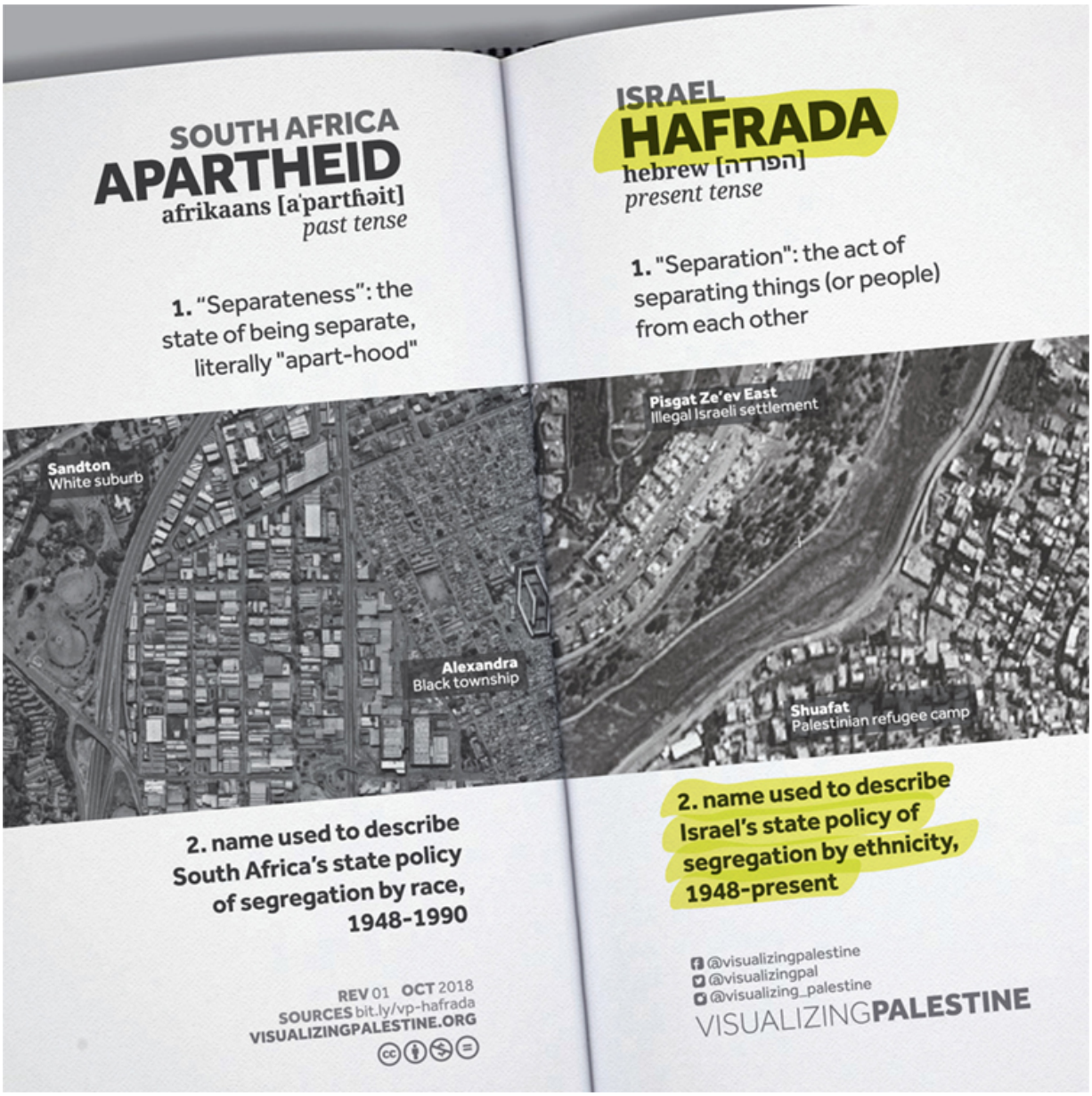
While the withdrawal of the ESCWA report in 2017 initially seemed like a setback for recognition of the apartheid framework, in retrospect it was an early indication of an impending shift in mainstream acknowledgment of the nature of Palestinian oppression. In April 2021, Human Rights Watch became the first international human rights organization to conclude that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid as defined in international law,

in a report titled “A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution.”[9] We partnered with them on two series of visuals for the report: **The Crime of Apartheid** and **Born Unequal.**

A few months before the Human Rights Watch report, B’Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization, issued a paper titled “A Regime of Jewish Supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea: This Is Apartheid.” The paper emphasizes that Israelis and Palestinians across historic Palestine live under a single regime that uses “laws, practices and state violence designed to cement the supremacy of one group.”[10]

Amnesty International’s report “Israel’s Apartheid against Palestinians” followed one year later, in February 2022. It opens with a 2019 statement by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: “Israel is not a state of all its citizens … [but rather] the nation-state of the Jewish people and only them.”[11] In March, the UN special rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, Michael Lynk, submitted a report to the UN Human Rights Council stating that Israeli policy “has imposed upon Palestine an apartheid reality in a post-apartheid world.”[12]

These reports mark a milestone in the international human rights community’s approach to Israeli impunity. They are also a potent reminder that the world must listen to Palestinian activists and intellectuals, who have been ignored and punished for naming apartheid for generations. It is by uplifting Palestinian knowledge and histories of collective struggle that we will reach a more transformative vision of justice.



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SOUTH AFRICA
APARTHEID
afrikaans [aˈparthəit]
past tense

1913
Natives Land Act
The first of a series of laws that were designed to outlaw Black land ownership and segregate 'population groups' by race

1. LAND EXPROPRIATION

ISRAEL
HAFRADA
hebrew [הפרדה]
present tense

1950
Absentee Property Law
The first of a series of laws bringing the land of displaced Palestinians under Israeli state control for the benefit of Jewish-only settlement

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SOUTH AFRICA
APARTHEID
afrikaans [aˈpartɦəit]
past tense

1952
Pass Laws Act
Required all Black people in South Africa over the age of 16 to carry a 'pass book' while in White areas

ISRAEL
HAFRADA
hebrew [הפרדה]
present tense

1982
Identity Card Act
Requires all people in Israel, West Bank and Gaza over the age of 16 to carry Israeli issued ID card which can be used to identify their ethnicity

2. RACIAL CLASSIFICATION

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SOUTH AFRICA

APARTHEID

afrikaans [aˈpartɦəit]

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District Six, Cape Town, c. 1974

1960 - 1983

Forced Evictions

3.5 million Black South Africans removed from their homes in order to establish residential segregation

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3. MASS DISPLACEMENT

ISRAEL

HAFRADA

hebrew [הפרדה]

present tense

Manshiyya neighbourhood, Jaffa, c. 1948

1948 & 1967

Forced Displacement

Over 1.1million Palestinians forcibly displaced during the 1948 Nakba ("catastrophe") and 1967 Naksa ("setback")

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SOUTH AFRICA

APARTHEID

afrikaans [aˈpartɦəit]

past tense

1960

Sharpeville Massacre

69 unarmed South Africans killed during peaceful protests against the racist 'pass laws' ID system

4. VIOLENT REPRESSION

ISRAEL

HAFRADA

hebrew [הפרדה]

present tense

2018

Great March of Return

42 unarmed Palestinians killed in Gaza in one day during protests calling for end to Israeli siege and return of refugees

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APARTHEID

afrikaans [aˈparthɦəit]

past tense

1970 - 1981

South African Bantustans

Apartheid government defined ten fragmented Black 'homelands', each run by a puppet authority

5. TOKEN INDEPENDENCE

ISRAEL

HAFRADA

hebrew [הפרדה]

present tense

1995 - present

Palestinian Authority

Palestinian Authority set up in coordination with Israel to govern disconnected fragments of the West Bank and Gaza

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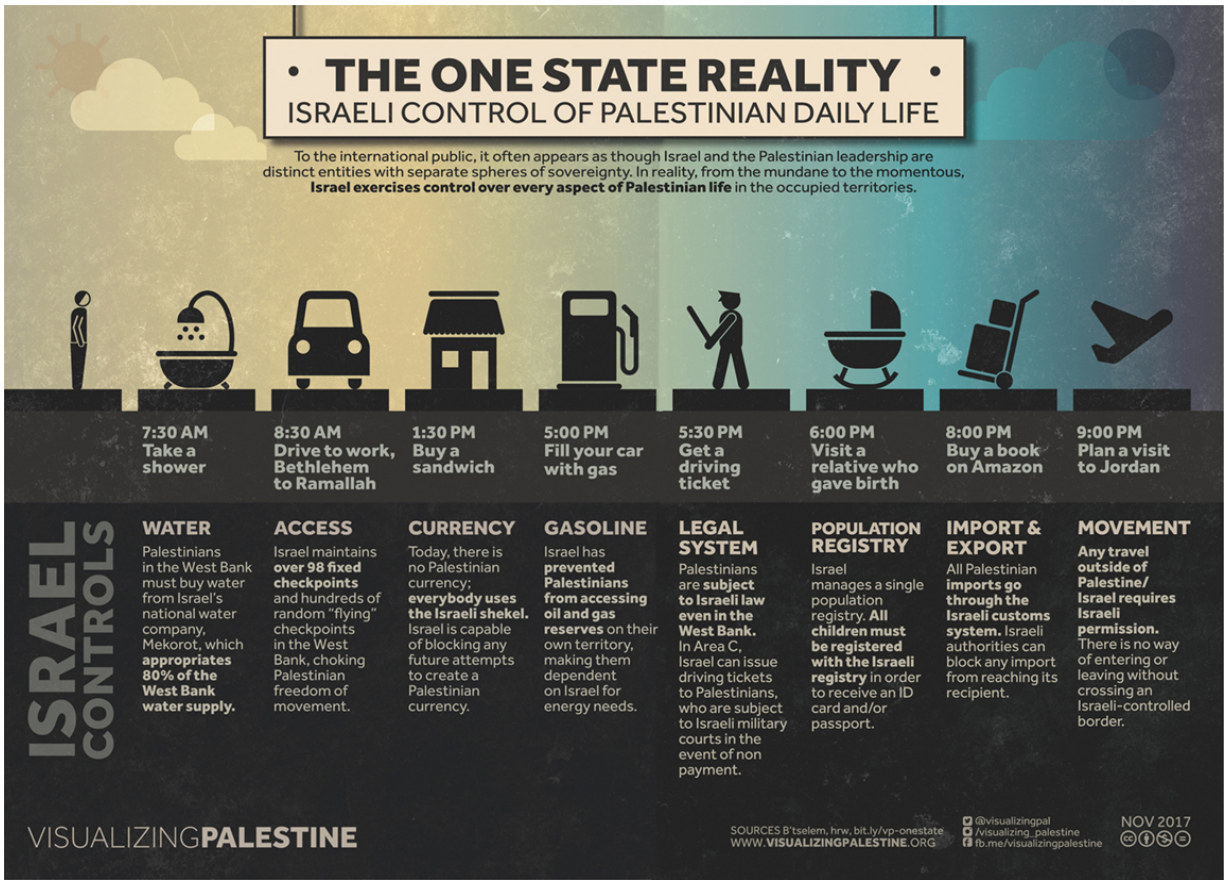
• THE ONE STATE REALITY •
ISRAELI CONTROL OF PALESTINIAN DAILY LIFE
To the international public, it often appears as though Israel and the Palestinian leadership are distinct entities with separate spheres of sovereignty. In reality, from the mundane to the momentous, Israel exercises control over every aspect of Palestinian life in the occupied territories.
7:30 AM Take a shower
8:30 AM Drive to work, Bethlehem to Ramallah
1:30 PM Buy a sandwich
5:00 PM Fill your car with gas
5:30 PM Get a driving ticket
6:00 PM Visit a relative who gave birth
8:00 PM Buy a book on Amazon
9:00 PM Plan a visit to Jordan
ISRAEL CONTROLS
WATER
Palestinians in the West Bank must buy water from Israel's national water company, Mekorot, which appropriates 80% of the West Bank water supply.
ACCESS
Israel maintains over 98 fixed checkpoints and hundreds of random "flying" checkpoints in the West Bank, choking Palestinian freedom of movement.
CURRENCY
Today, there is no Palestinian currency; everybody uses the Israeli shekel. Israel is capable of blocking any future attempts to create a Palestinian currency.
GASOLINE
Israel has prevented Palestinians from accessing oil and gas reserves on their own territory, making them dependent on Israel for energy needs.
LEGAL SYSTEM
Palestinians are subject to Israeli law even in the West Bank. In Area C, Israel can issue driving tickets to Palestinians, who are subject to Israeli military courts in the event of non payment.
POPULATION REGISTRY
Israel manages a single population registry. All children must be registered with the Israeli registry in order to receive an ID card and/or passport.
IMPORT & EXPORT
All Palestinian imports go through the Israeli customs system. Israeli authorities can block any import from reaching its recipient.
MOVEMENT
Any travel outside of Palestine/Israel requires Israeli permission. There is no way of entering or leaving without crossing an Israeli-controlled border.
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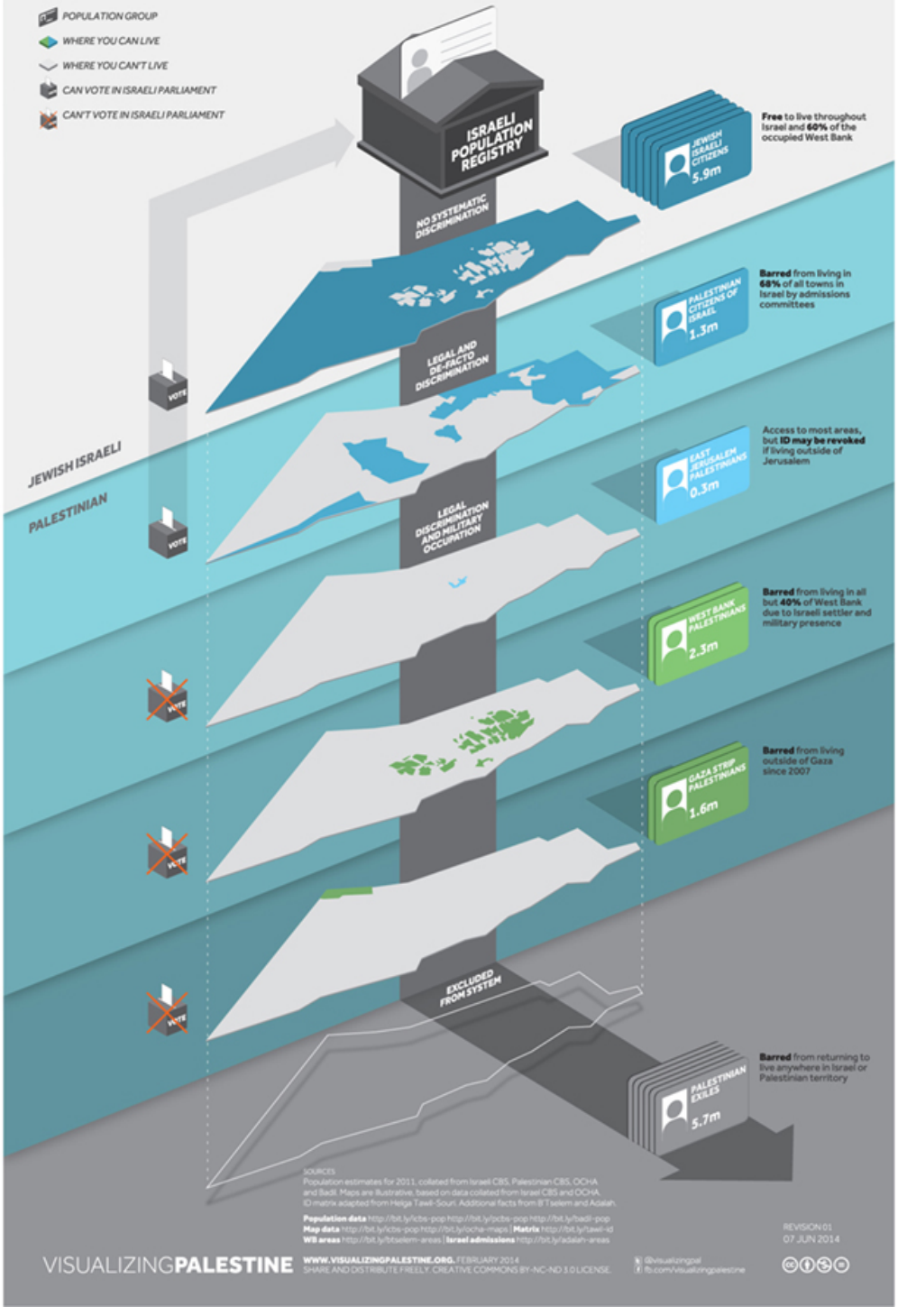
IDENTITY CRISIS

THE ISRAELI ID SYSTEM

SINCE 1967, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE DE-FACTO SOVEREIGN POWER IN CONTROL OF THE WHOLE OF HISTORIC PALESTINE, INCLUDING GAZA, THE WEST BANK AND ISRAEL.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES CONTROL THE POPULATION REGISTRY AND ID SYSTEM, RESTRICTING WHERE PALESTINIANS CAN LIVE, THEIR ACCESS TO SERVICES AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM.


POPULATION GROUP
WHERE YOU CAN LIVE
WHERE YOU CAN'T LIVE
CAN VOTE IN ISRAELI PARLIAMENT
CAN'T VOTE IN ISRAELI PARLIAMENT
ISRAELI POPULATION REGISTRY
JEWISH ISRAELI CITIZENS 5.9m
Free to live throughout Israel and 60% of the occupied West Bank
NO SYSTEMATIC DISCRIMINATION
PALESTINIAN CITIZENS OF ISRAEL 1.3m
Barred from living in 68% of all towns in Israel by admissions committees
LEGAL AND DE-FACTO DISCRIMINATION
JEWISH ISRAELI
PALESTINIAN
VOTE
EAST JERUSALEM PALESTINIANS 0.3m
Access to most areas, but ID may be revoked if living outside of Jerusalem
LEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND MILITARY OCCUPATION
WEST BANK PALESTINIANS 2.3m
Barred from living in all but 40% of West Bank due to Israeli settler and military presence
GAZA STRIP PALESTINIANS 1.6m
Barred from living outside of Gaza since 2007
EXCLUDED FROM SYSTEM
PALESTINIAN EXILES 5.7m
Barred from returning to live anywhere in Israel or Palestinian territory

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DIVIDE & DOMINATE

HOW ISRAEL MAINTAINS APARTHEID AND DENIES PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION

Since 1948, Israeli **laws, policies, and practices** around **nationality and land** have institutionalized a regime of **racial domination and oppression** over the Palestinian people amounting to the crime of apartheid. Israel maintains its **apartheid regime** through the **strategic fragmentation** of the Palestinian people into at least **four separate geographic, legal, and political domains**

12% PALESTINIAN CITIZENS OF ISRAEL (1948 Palestine)
Citizenship status granted to Palestinians inferior to nationality status reserved for Jews only

35% PALESTINIANS LIVING UNDER MILITARY LAW
Prolonged Israeli military occupation, closure and blockade of the Gaza Strip, the annexation wall, & severe movement restrictions further entrench Israel's strategic fragmentation

20% West Bank

15% Gaza

As a result of strategic fragmentation, **Palestinians cannot meet, group, or exercise collective rights,** in particular **the right to self determination**

50% PALESTINIAN REFUGEES & EXILES
Denied the right of return to their homes, land, and country. Note: an additional 760,000 Palestinians are internally displaced within historic Palestine

3% PALESTINIANS IN JERUSALEM
Civil law institutionalizes a revocable residency status for Palestinians

Israel's apartheid laws, policies and practices are designed to ensure:

- Denial of the right of return of Palestinian refugees
- Continued population transfer
- Dispossession of the Palestinian people
- Entrenchment of Israeli settler colonialism

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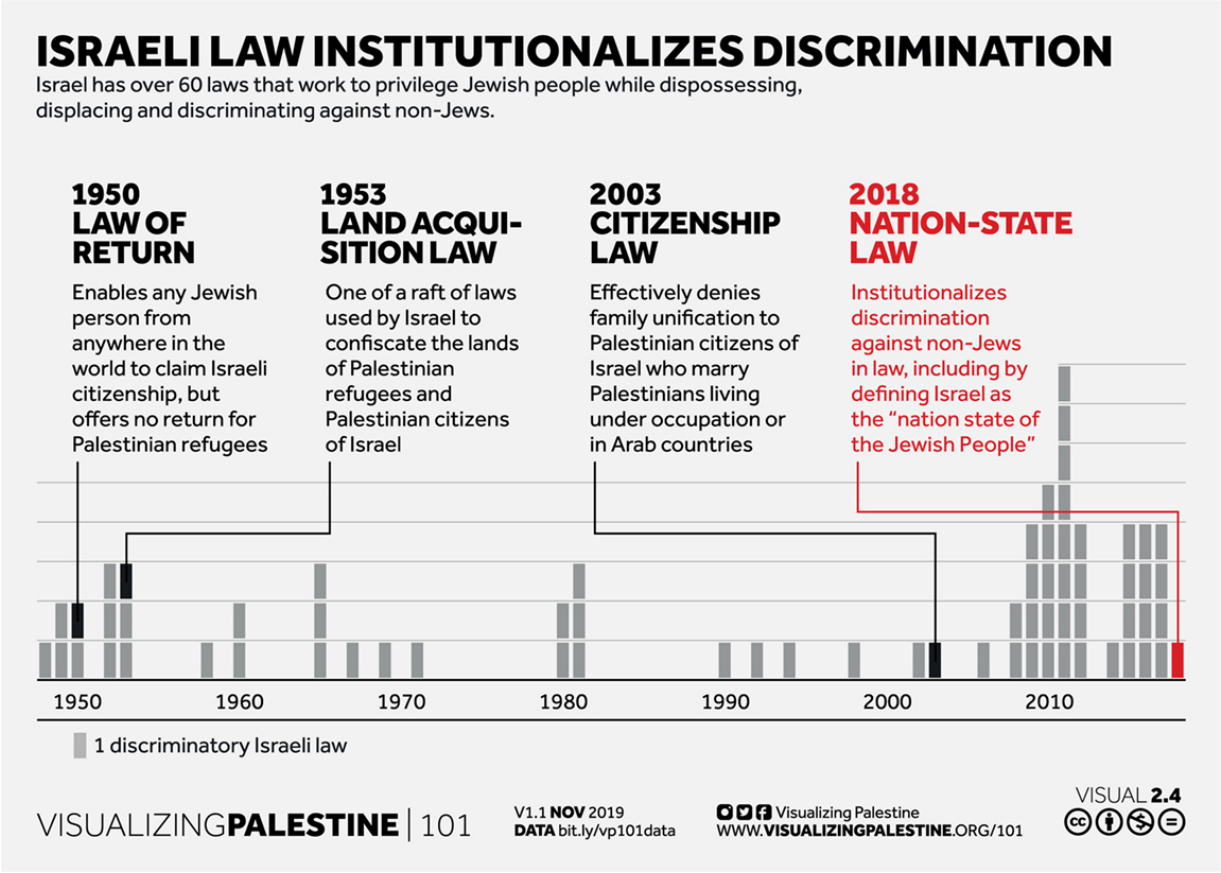
ISRAELI LAW INSTITUTIONALIZES DISCRIMINATION
Israel has over 60 laws that work to privilege Jewish people while dispossessing, displacing and discriminating against non-Jews.
1950 LAW OF RETURN
Enables any Jewish person from anywhere in the world to claim Israeli citizenship, but offers no return for Palestinian refugees
1953 LAND ACQUISITION LAW
One of a raft of laws used by Israel to confiscate the lands of Palestinian refugees and Palestinian citizens of Israel
2003 CITIZENSHIP LAW
Effectively denies family unification to Palestinian citizens of Israel who marry Palestinians living under occupation or in Arab countries
2018 NATION-STATE LAW
Institutionalizes discrimination against non-Jews in law, including by defining Israel as the "nation state of the Jewish People"
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1 ISRAEL CONTROLS THE MAJORITY OF PALEST-INIAN AUTHORITY (PA) INCOME
2 PA SPENDS HEAVILY ON ITS SECURITY FORCES, WHICH COORDINATE WITH ISRAEL
3 PA CRACKS DOWN ON PALESTINIAN POLITICAL DISSENT
55% Israeli controlled VAT & customs revenues
16% Foreign finance
26% PA direct revenue
29% Security & public order
20% Education
19% Health & social services
31% All other spending
68%
say that people cannot criticize the PA without fear
72%
support an end to security coordination with Israel
2017 PA budget data
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TOTAL JERUSALEM POPULATION, 2012
62% Jewish Israelis 509k
<2% others 12k
300k Palestinians 37%
JERUSALEM
A CITY FOR ALL?
East Jerusalem was occupied and illegally annexed by Israel in 1967. Today, Israel enacts APARTHEID POLICIES aiming to suppress the growth of the PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY to NOT EXCEED 40% of the population of Jerusalem.

200,000+
illegal Israeli settlers in East Jerusalem
14,500+
Palestinians stripped of Jerusalem residency rights since 1967
10,000+
Palestinian children born in Jerusalem unregistered
Taxes paid, services denied
93% of city budget
allocated to Jewish Israeli taxpayers
7%
allocated to Palestinian taxpayers
Land stolen
87% of land
in East Jerusalem zoned to forbid Palestinian construction
13%
zoned for Palestinian construction
Discriminatory permit regime
93% of permits
issued for Jewish Israeli construction across East and West Jerusalem
7%
issued for Palestinian construction despite 43,000 home shortage
Jerusalem was only ever the capital of the Jewish people, not of any other people.
BENJAMIN NETANYAHU
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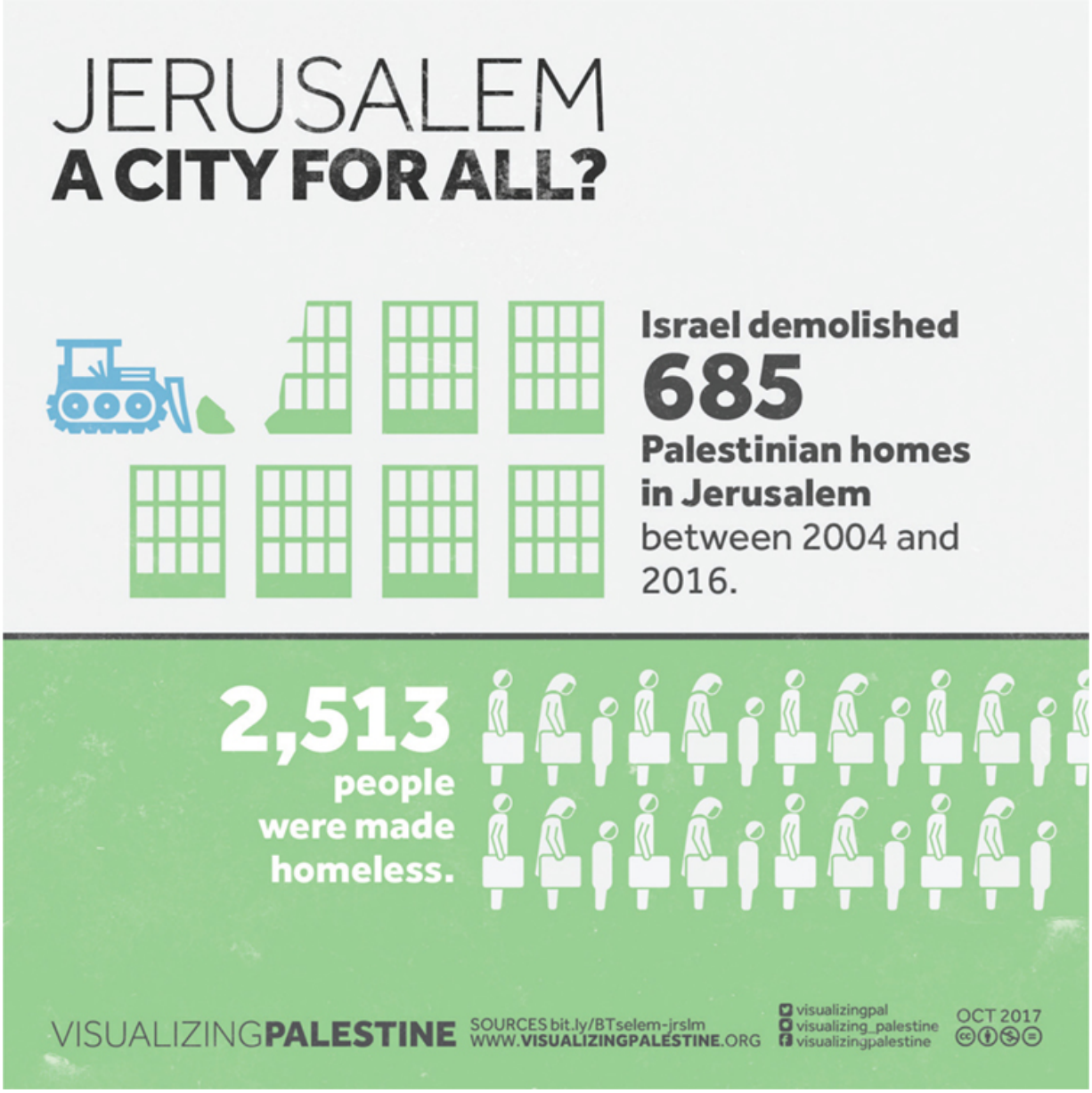

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RESIDENCY REVOCATION
ISRAEL'S FORCIBLE TRANSFER OF PALESTINIANS FROM JERUSALEM
Since 1967, Israel has revoked the residency status of more than 14,500* Palestinians from Jerusalem.
Revocation of residency leads to forcible transfer, a war crime under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention.
After the occupation and illegal annexation of East Jerusalem in 1967, Israel created the status of "permanent residents" for Palestinians from Jerusalem, thereby making Palestinian presence in the city vulnerable to Israel's political and demographic aims.
Since this time, Israel has created and consistently expanded criteria, making it easier to revoke the residency status of Palestinians in order to attain an Israeli-Jewish majority in the city by illegal means.
Since 2006, Israel has been escalating the use of residency revocation as a punitive measure. As the revocation forms part of a widespread and systematic policy to transfer the protected Palestinian population, it may amount to a crime against humanity.**
Israel uses the following 3 discriminatory and illegal criteria to forcibly transfer Palestinians from Jerusalem...
if ... they live abroad for 7 years or become permanent residents or citizens of another country.
or ... they cannot prove their "center of life" is in Jerusalem.
or ... they are accused of breaching "allegiance" to Israel.***
1967 1970 1980 1990 1995 2000 2006 2010 2017
3,078
Residencies revoked 1967-1994
11,582
Residencies revoked 1995-2016
Photo: Reuters. *When the dependent children of those stripped of their residency rights in Jerusalem are included, the number of Palestinians that have lost their residency rights in Jerusalem is approximately 86,000. **Under Article 7 of the Rome Statute. ***International humanitarian law explicitly forbids the occupier from demanding the allegiance of an occupied population.
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JERUSALEM
ANATOMY OF INEQUALITY
West Jerusalem was ethnically cleansed of Palestinians in 1948.
The rest of the city was annexed by Israel in 1967, along with most of its Palestinian inhabitants.
Today, Israel controlled Jerusalem municipality enacts systematic policies and laws to aid Israeli settlement in the city while ensuring the Palestinian community does not exceed 40% of the population.
WESTERN JERUSALEM
OLD CITY
EASTERN JERUSALEM
WEST BANK
ANNEXATION WALL
HISTORIC DISPLACEMENT
Over 50,000 Palestinians were forcibly displaced from West Jerusalem in 1948. Today its Palestinian population is almost exclusively Jewish Israeli.
50,000 FORCIBLY DISPLACED
HOME DEMOLITION
Israel's discriminatory permit system denies Palestinians the right to build on their own land. Around 39% of Palestinian homes were built without permits. From 2004–2016, 685 Palestinian homes were demolished, leaving 2,513 people homeless.
685 HOMES DEMOLISHED
2,500 HOMELESS
ONGOING DISPLACEMENT
Since 1967, Palestinians in East Jerusalem have been treated as foreigners in their own city. Israel has revoked over 14,500 residencies, the highest number since the 'Peace Process' began in 1993.
14,500 REVOKED RESIDENCIES
90,000 FORCED INTO EXILE
At least 90,000 refugees and their descendants originally from East Jerusalem remain in forced exile today.
LAND CONFISCATION
Since 1967, over 220,000 Jewish Israelis have settled illegally in East Jerusalem on land confiscated from its 350,000 Palestinian residents.
220,000 ILLEGAL SETTLERS
300,000 RESIDENTS LANDLESS
ACCESS DENIAL
Since 2002, the Wall has cut off more than 1 in 4 Palestinian Jerusalemites from their city, denying them access to basic services and infrastructure.
1 IN 4 CUT OFF
FAMILY SEPARATION
One-third of Palestinian applications for family unification in East Jerusalem are denied. Family members registered as Gaza residents cannot even apply.
1 IN 3 DENIED
10,000 CHILDREN REFUSED ACCESS
10,000 Palestinian children have no access to education or basic services, as Israel refuses to register them as residents.
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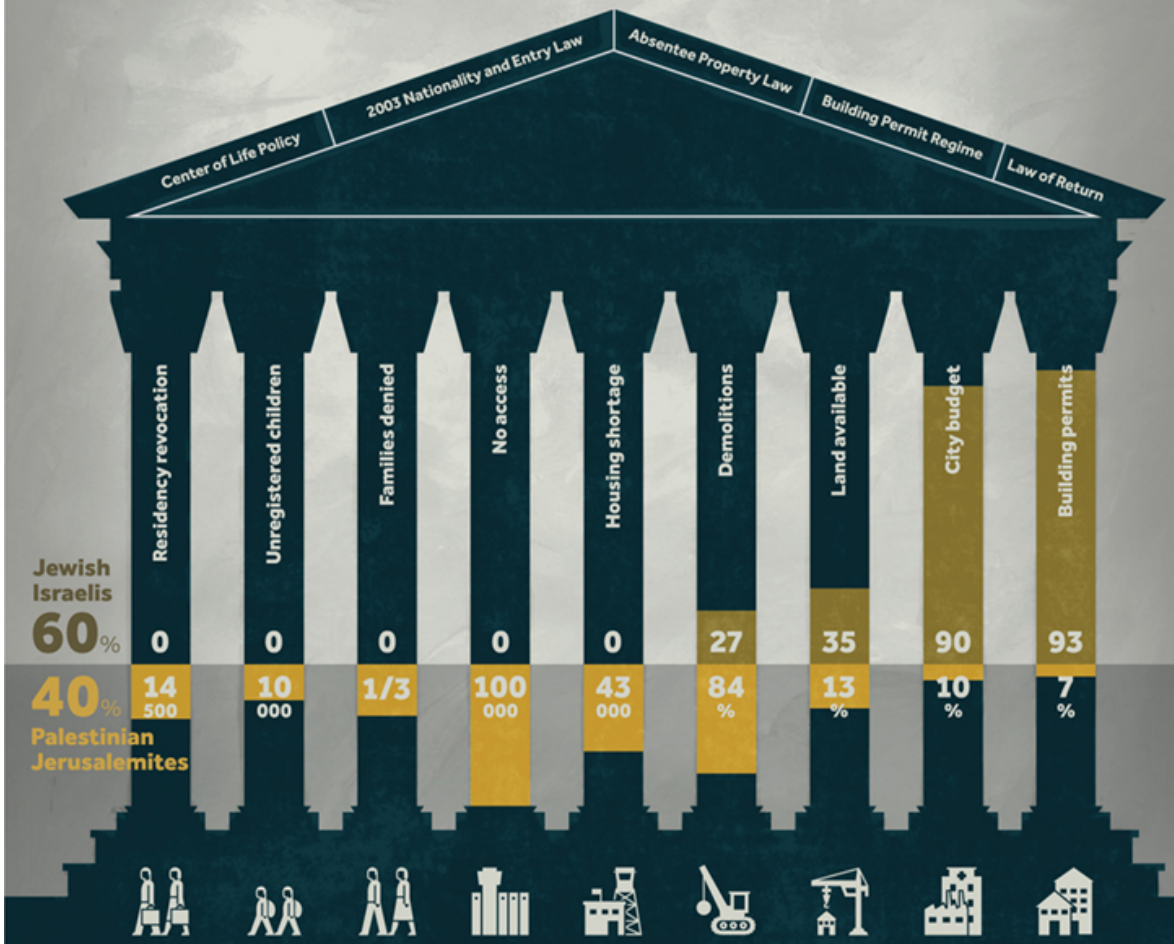
LIVING UNDER POLICIES OF COLONIZATION IN **JERUSALEM**

In 1948, 80,000 Palestinians were forcibly expelled from their homes in the areas of West Jerusalem. East Jerusalem was illegally annexed by Israel in 1967. Since 1967 **apartheid** prevails in the City where the Israeli occupying power has been enacting **discriminatory** policies and laws that suppress the growth of the Palestinian community to not exceed 40% of the population of Jerusalem. Israel is engaged in a process of **silent transfer** and colonization aiming to create a Jewish majority by illegal means.



Upon the annexation of East Jerusalem in 1967, Palestinians were treated as immigrants in their own country. Since then, Israel has revoked 14,500 residency permits.

From 2000-2013 **4,249** out of **12,284** family unification applications denied.

Jerusalemites who marry Gazans are barred from applying at all since 2008.

The wall cuts off part of Jerusalem's population from the city.

15 illegal settlements built to house 210,000 Israeli settlers.

60,000 Palestinians at risk of having their homes demolished.

Despite the fact that **78%** of all building violations took place in West Jerusalem, only **27%** of violations there resulted in demolition, versus **84%** in East Jerusalem.

89.9% of city budget for **63%** of the population.

10.1% of city budget for **37%** of the population.

Permits cost on average **$30,000**

75.4% of Palestinians are under poverty line.

SOURCES
Data aggregated from Adalah, Alshabaka, B'Tselem, Ir amim, Passia, The Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem, The Society of St. Yves, and The United Nations.
Annexation http://bit.ly/2ddHfbn | **Residency revocation** http://bit.ly/2chPFcV | **Family Unification** http://bit.ly/2jZDiNR | http://bit.ly/2cKPVTX | **The Wall** http://bit.ly/2cp5Ecr | **Demolitions** http://bit.ly/2cCghlv | **Land Confiscation** http://bit.ly/2cTjtl | **Budgeting** http://bit.ly/2cp6hST

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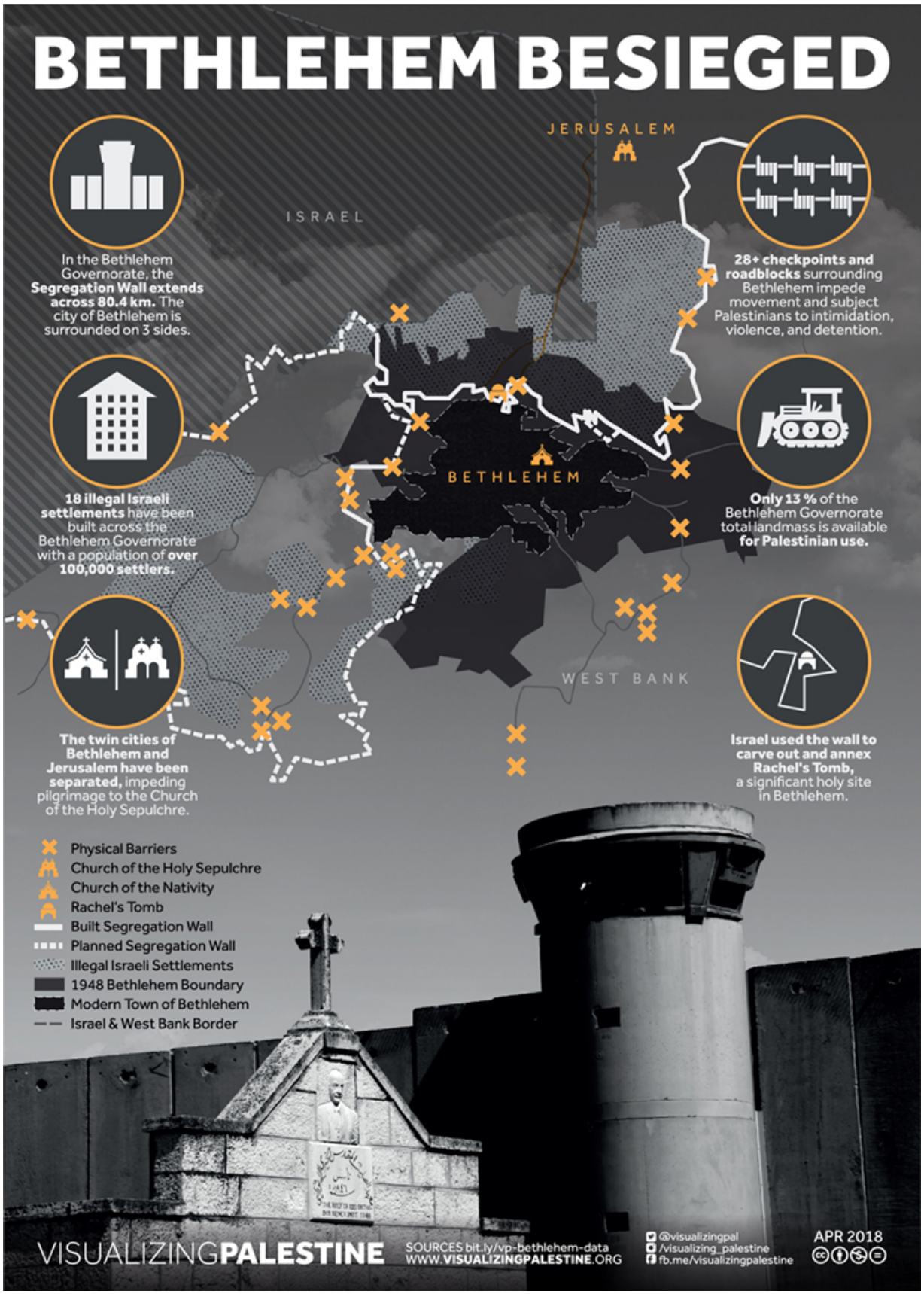
JERUSALEM
ISRAEL
BETHLEHEM
WEST BANK
In the Bethlehem Governorate, the **Segregation Wall extends across 80.4 km.** The city of Bethlehem is surrounded on 3 sides.
28+ checkpoints and roadblocks surrounding Bethlehem impede movement and subject Palestinians to intimidation, violence, and detention.
18 illegal Israeli settlements have been built across the Bethlehem Governorate with a population of **over 100,000 settlers.**
Only 13 % of the Bethlehem Governorate total landmass is available **for Palestinian use.**
The twin cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem have been separated, impeding pilgrimage to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
Israel used the wall to carve out and annex Rachel's Tomb, a significant holy site in Bethlehem.
Physical Barriers
Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Church of the Nativity
Rachel's Tomb
Built Segregation Wall
Planned Segregation Wall
Illegal Israeli Settlements
1948 Bethlehem Boundary
Modern Town of Bethlehem
Israel & West Bank Border

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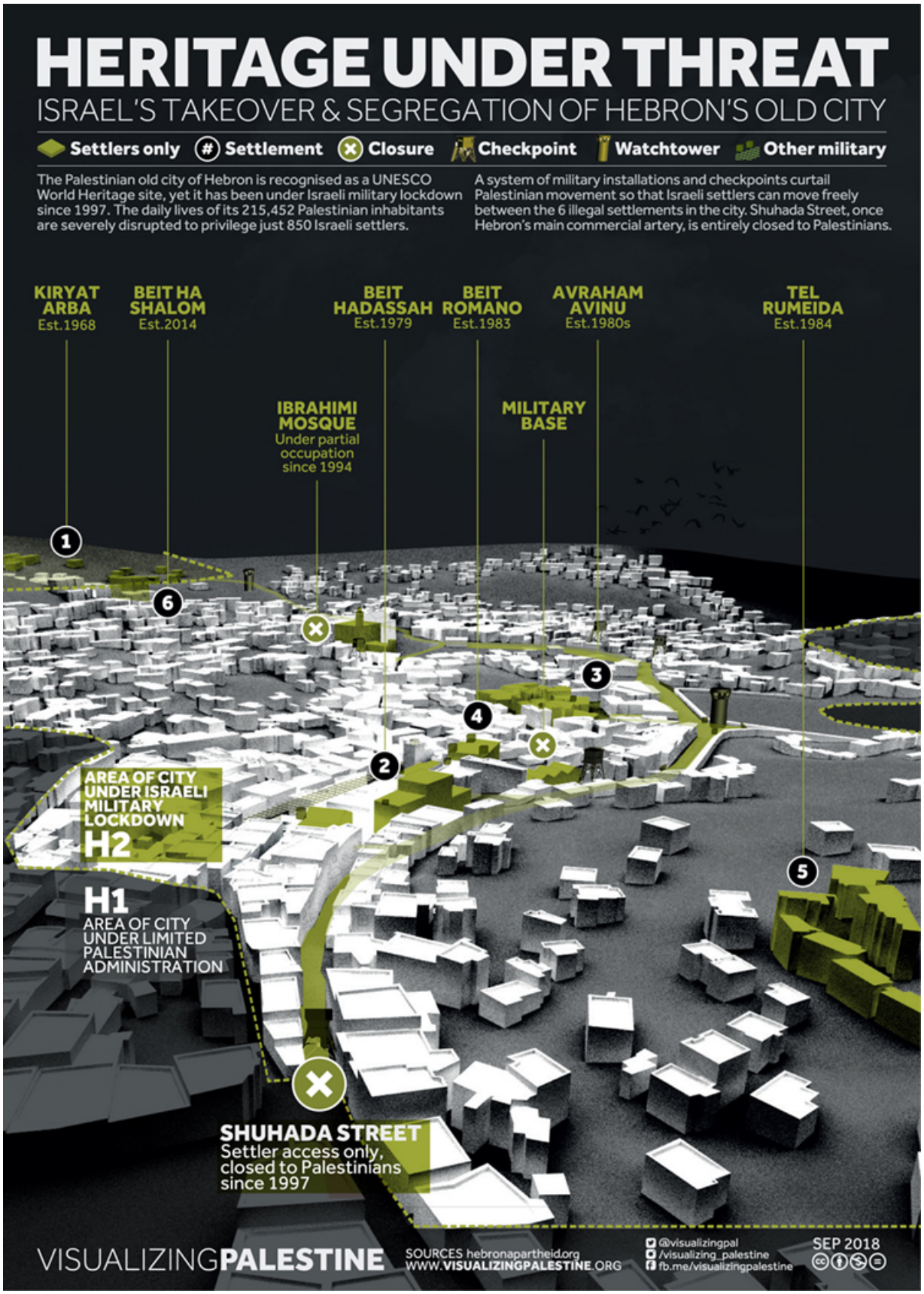
HERITAGE UNDER THREAT
ISRAEL'S TAKEOVER & SEGREGATION OF HEBRON'S OLD CITY
Settlers only
Settlement
Closure
Checkpoint
Watchtower
Other military
The Palestinian old city of Hebron is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site, yet it has been under Israeli military lockdown since 1997. The daily lives of its 215,452 Palestinian inhabitants are severely disrupted to privilege just 850 Israeli settlers.
A system of military installations and checkpoints curtail Palestinian movement so that Israeli settlers can move freely between the 6 illegal settlements in the city. Shuhada Street, once Hebron's main commercial artery, is entirely closed to Palestinians.
KIRYAT ARBA Est.1968
BEIT HA SHALOM Est.2014
BEIT HADASSAH Est.1979
BEIT ROMANO Est.1983
AVRAHAM AVINU Est.1980s
TEL RUMEIDA Est.1984
IBRAHIMI MOSQUE Under partial occupation since 1994
MILITARY BASE
1
6
2
4
3
5
AREA OF CITY UNDER ISRAELI MILITARY LOCKDOWN
H2
H1
AREA OF CITY UNDER LIMITED PALESTINIAN ADMINISTRATION
SHUHADA STREET
Settler access only, closed to Palestinians since 1997
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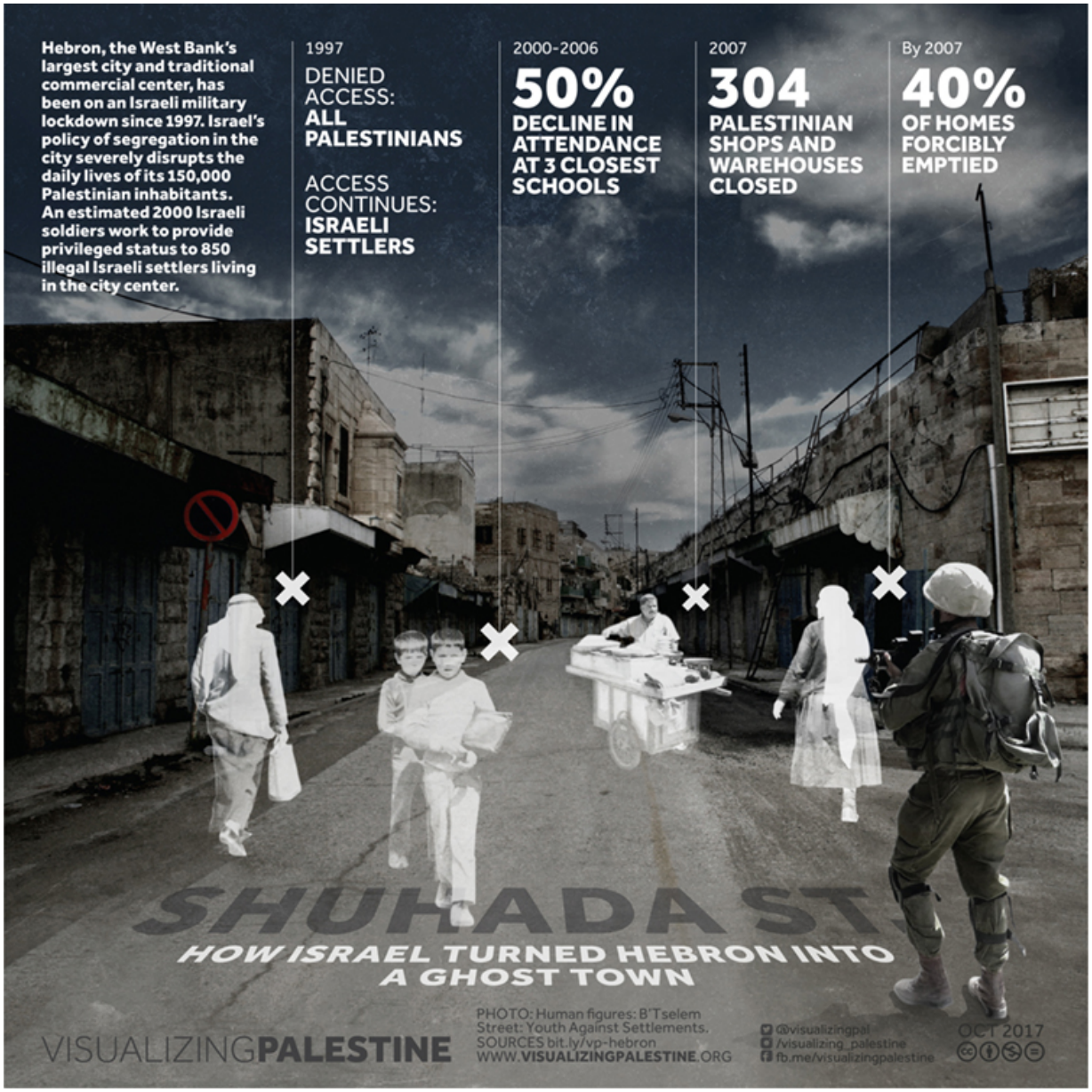
Hebron, the West Bank's largest city and traditional commercial center, has been on an Israeli military lockdown since 1997. Israel's policy of segregation in the city severely disrupts the daily lives of its 150,000 Palestinian inhabitants. An estimated 2000 Israeli soldiers work to provide privileged status to 850 illegal Israeli settlers living in the city center.
1997
DENIED ACCESS: ALL PALESTINIANS
ACCESS CONTINUES: ISRAELI SETTLERS
2000-2006
50%
DECLINE IN ATTENDANCE AT 3 CLOSEST SCHOOLS
2007
304
PALESTINIAN SHOPS AND WAREHOUSES CLOSED
By 2007
40%
OF HOMES FORCIBLY EMPTIED
SHUHADA ST.
HOW ISRAEL TURNED HEBRON INTO A GHOST TOWN
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PHOTO: Human figures: B'Tselem
Street: Youth Against Settlements.
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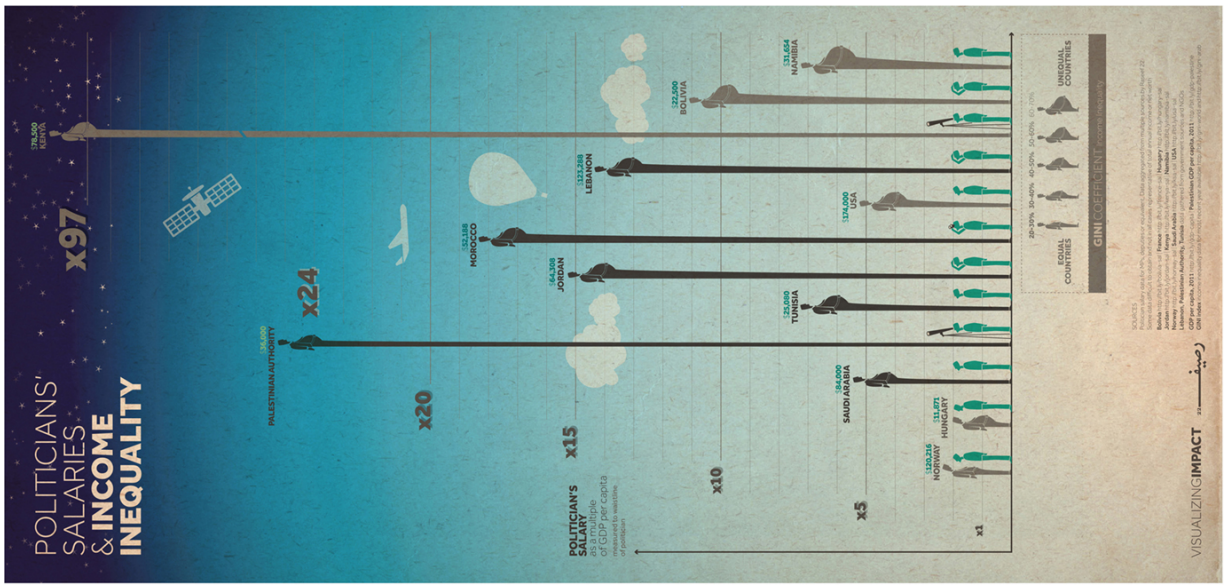

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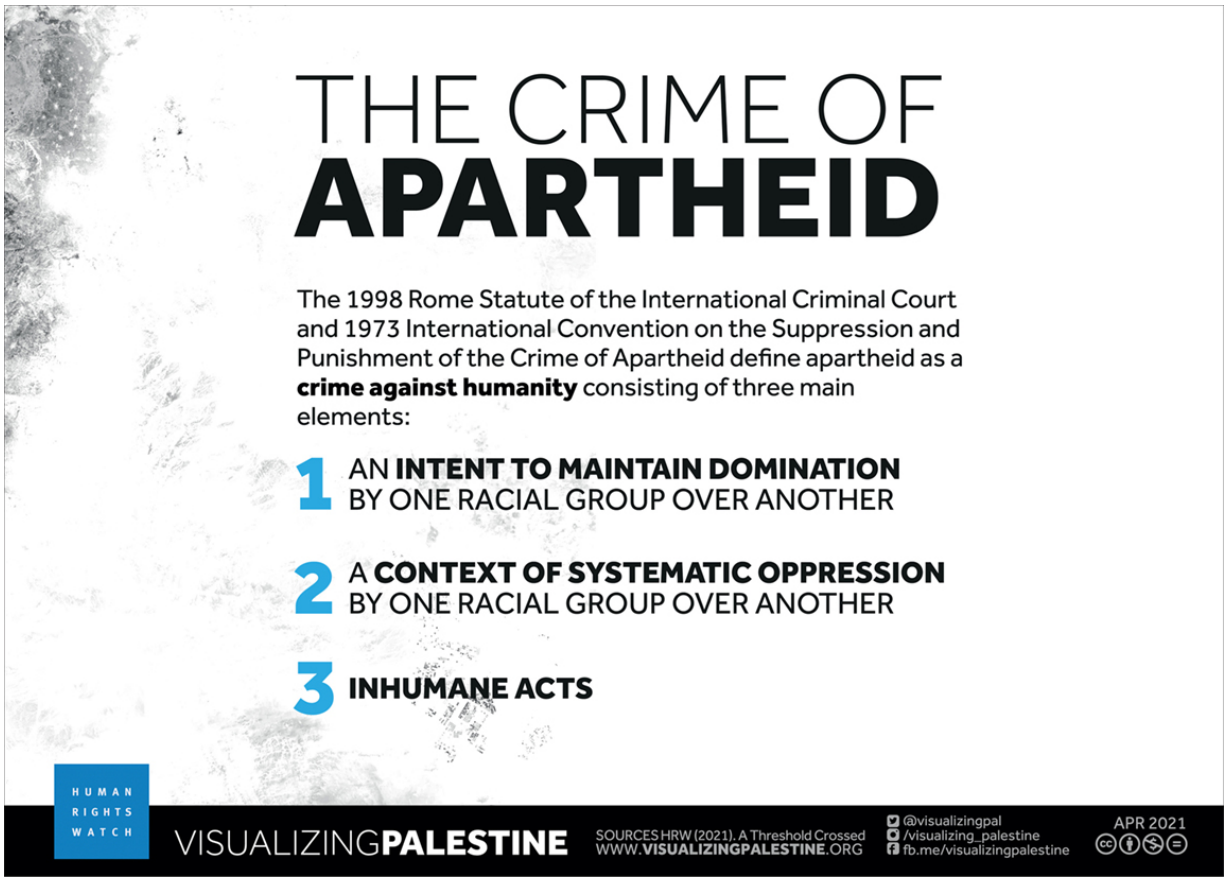
THE CRIME OF
APARTHEID
The 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and 1973 International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid define apartheid as a crime against humanity consisting of three main elements:
1 AN INTENT TO MAINTAIN DOMINATION BY ONE RACIAL GROUP OVER ANOTHER
2 A CONTEXT OF SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION BY ONE RACIAL GROUP OVER ANOTHER
3 INHUMANE ACTS
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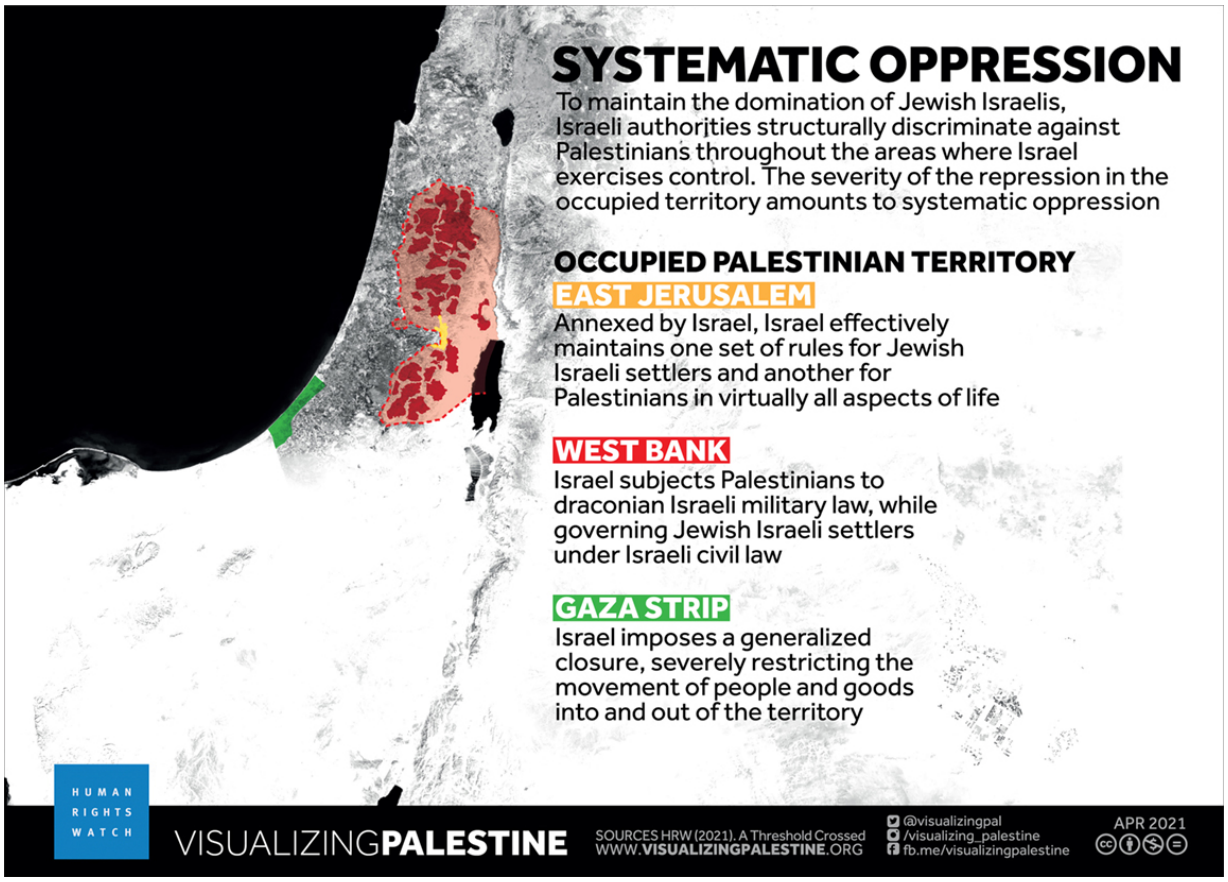
SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION
To maintain the domination of Jewish Israelis, Israeli authorities structurally discriminate against Palestinians throughout the areas where Israel exercises control. The severity of the repression in the occupied territory amounts to systematic oppression
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
EAST JERUSALEM
Annexed by Israel, Israel effectively maintains one set of rules for Jewish Israeli settlers and another for Palestinians in virtually all aspects of life
WEST BANK
Israel subjects Palestinians to draconian Israeli military law, while governing Jewish Israeli settlers under Israeli civil law
GAZA STRIP
Israel imposes a generalized closure, severely restricting the movement of people and goods into and out of the territory
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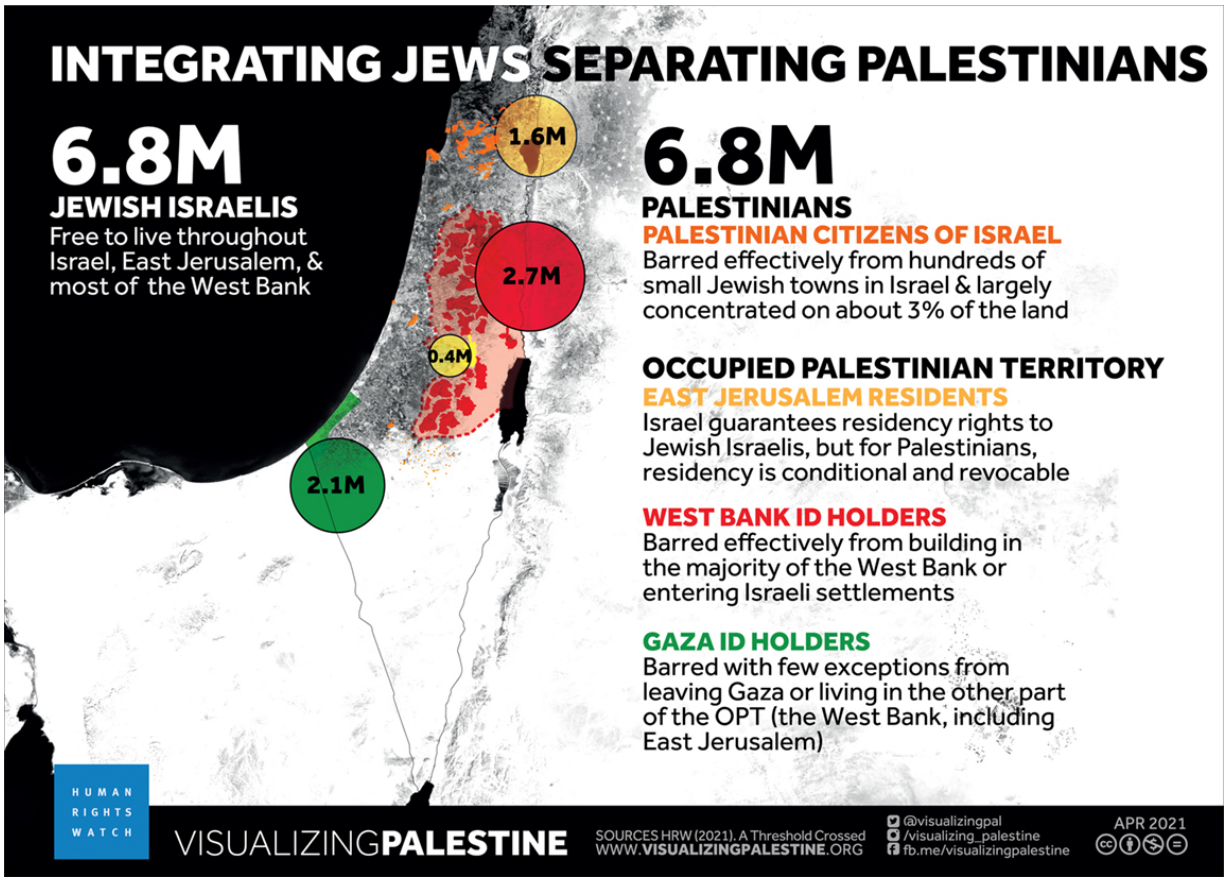
INTEGRATING JEWS SEPARATING PALESTINIANS
6.8M
JEWISH ISRAELIS
Free to live throughout Israel, East Jerusalem, & most of the West Bank
1.6M
2.7M
0.4M
2.1M
6.8M
PALESTINIANS
PALESTINIAN CITIZENS OF ISRAEL
Barred effectively from hundreds of small Jewish towns in Israel & largely concentrated on about 3% of the land
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
EAST JERUSALEM RESIDENTS
Israel guarantees residency rights to Jewish Israelis, but for Palestinians, residency is conditional and revocable
WEST BANK ID HOLDERS
Barred effectively from building in the majority of the West Bank or entering Israeli settlements
GAZA ID HOLDERS
Barred with few exceptions from leaving Gaza or living in the other part of the OPT (the West Bank, including East Jerusalem)
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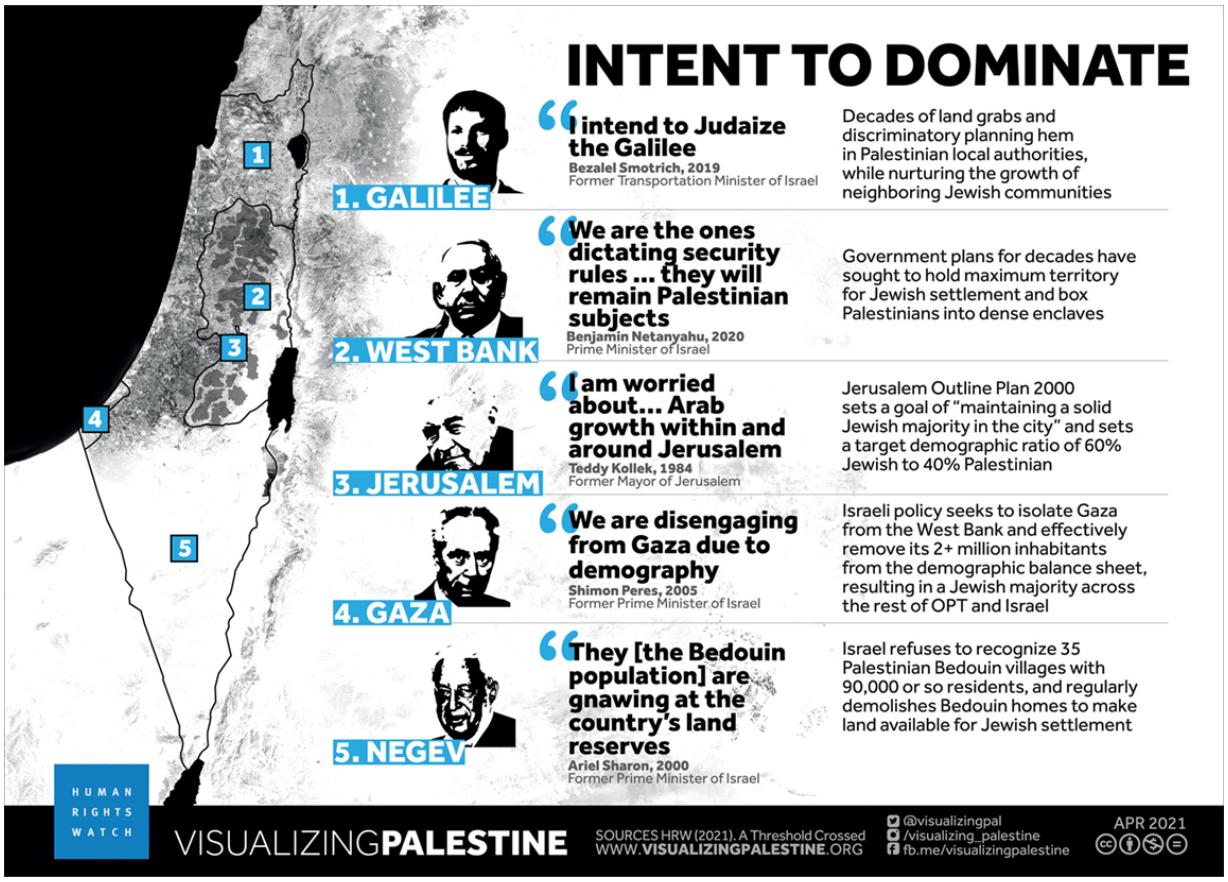
INTENT TO DOMINATE
1. GALILEE
"I intend to Judaize the Galilee
Bezalel Smotrich, 2019
Former Transportation Minister of Israel
Decades of land grabs and discriminatory planning hem in Palestinian local authorities, while nurturing the growth of neighboring Jewish communities
2. WEST BANK
"We are the ones dictating security rules ... they will remain Palestinian subjects
Benjamin Netanyahu, 2020
Prime Minister of Israel
Government plans for decades have sought to hold maximum territory for Jewish settlement and box Palestinians into dense enclaves
3. JERUSALEM
"I am worried about... Arab growth within and around Jerusalem
Teddy Kollek, 1984
Former Mayor of Jerusalem
Jerusalem Outline Plan 2000 sets a goal of "maintaining a solid Jewish majority in the city" and sets a target demographic ratio of 60% Jewish to 40% Palestinian
4. GAZA
"We are disengaging from Gaza due to demography
Shimon Peres, 2005
Former Prime Minister of Israel
Israeli policy seeks to isolate Gaza from the West Bank and effectively remove its 2+ million inhabitants from the demographic balance sheet, resulting in a Jewish majority across the rest of OPT and Israel
5. NEGEV
"They [the Bedouin population] are gnawing at the country's land reserves
Ariel Sharon, 2000
Former Prime Minister of Israel
Israel refuses to recognize 35 Palestinian Bedouin villages with 90,000 or so residents, and regularly demolishes Bedouin homes to make land available for Jewish settlement
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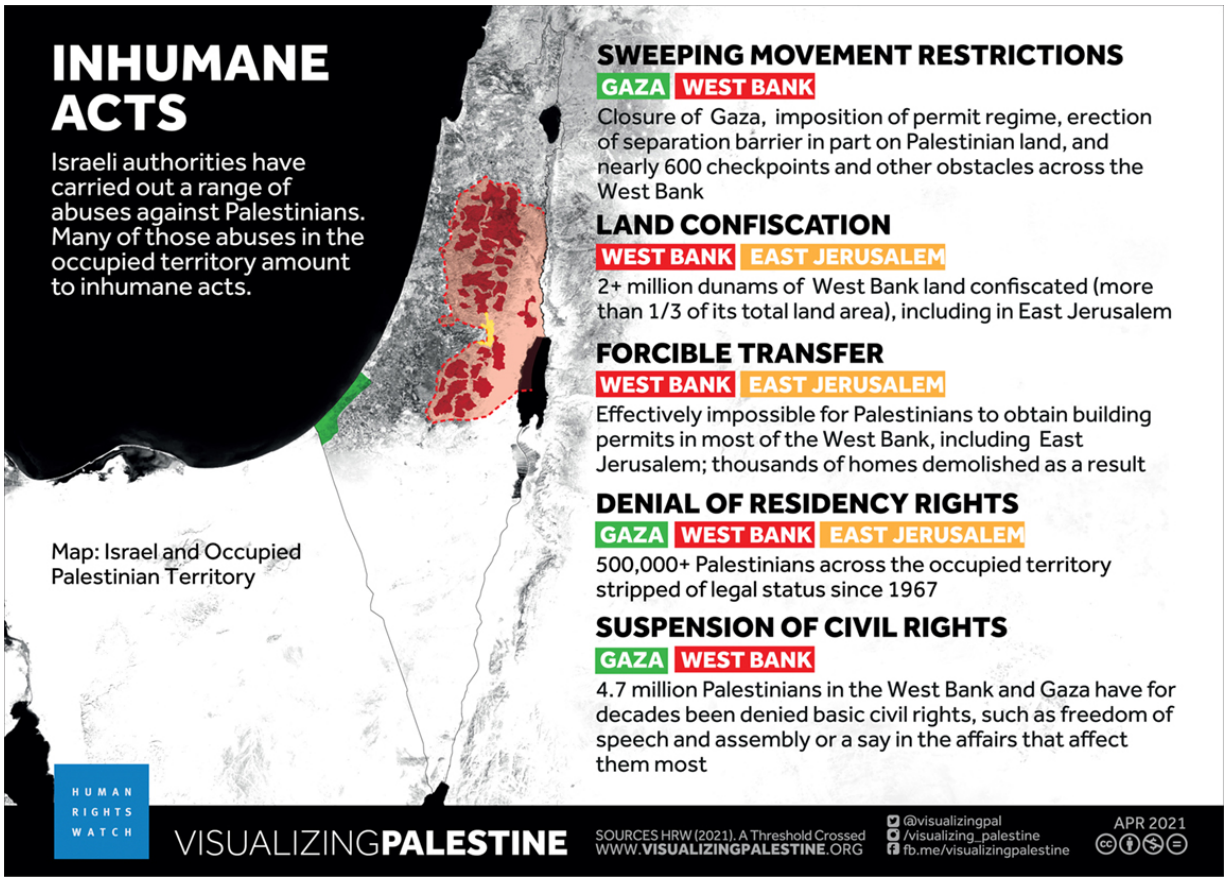
INHUMANE ACTS
Israeli authorities have carried out a range of abuses against Palestinians. Many of those abuses in the occupied territory amount to inhumane acts.
Map: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory
SWEEPING MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS
GAZA WEST BANK
Closure of Gaza, imposition of permit regime, erection of separation barrier in part on Palestinian land, and nearly 600 checkpoints and other obstacles across the West Bank
LAND CONFISCATION
WEST BANK EAST JERUSALEM
2+ million dunams of West Bank land confiscated (more than 1/3 of its total land area), including in East Jerusalem
FORCIBLE TRANSFER
WEST BANK EAST JERUSALEM
Effectively impossible for Palestinians to obtain building permits in most of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem; thousands of homes demolished as a result
DENIAL OF RESIDENCY RIGHTS
GAZA WEST BANK EAST JERUSALEM
500,000+ Palestinians across the occupied territory stripped of legal status since 1967
SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS
GAZA WEST BANK
4.7 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza have for decades been denied basic civil rights, such as freedom of speech and assembly or a say in the affairs that affect them most
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BORN UNEQUAL ABROAD

HANNAH

JEWISH AMERICAN
BORN IN THE U.S.

LEILA

PALESTINIAN REFUGEE
BORN IN LEBANON

CAN I VISIT ISRAEL & THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY?

YES

You can visit Israel and most of the West Bank, and you'll find programs that may help fund your trip

NO

You are barred from entry to Israel, the West Bank or Gaza

CAN I MOVE THERE?

YES

Because you're Jewish, the 1950 Law of Return guarantees your right to live in Israel. Plus, you'll get a free flight and a bunch of perks if you do so

NO

As a Palestinian refugee, you're barred from returning and denied residency rights, even if you have family living there

CAN I BECOME AN ISRAELI CITIZEN?

YES

The 1952 Citizenship Law entitles you to automatic citizenship, even if you've never set foot in Israel before

NO

You are ineligible if your family became refugees between 1947 and 1949, even if they had lived there for generations before

CAN I PASS ON MY LEGAL STATUS TO MY SPOUSE IN ISRAEL OR THE OPT?

YES

Upon becoming a citizen, you can pass along legal status and even citizenship to your spouse (except if they're Palestinian from the OPT or from several Arab countries)

NO

You have no legal status and cannot gain one, even by marrying a citizen or resident of Israel

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BORN UNEQUAL EAST JERUSALEM

NOA

JEWISH CITIZEN OF ISRAEL
BORN IN EAST JERUSALEM
(SETTLEMENT)

ZEID

PALESTINIAN RESIDENT
BORN IN EAST JERUSALEM

IS MY LEGAL STATUS IN JERUSALEM SECURE?

YES

You're an Israeli citizen and it's government policy to maintain a Jewish majority in the city

NO

Just like foreigners who move to Israel, you're a resident, a conditional and revocable status. You can apply for citizenship, but you're unlikely to get it

CAN I MOVE ABROAD FOR A FEW YEARS AND COME BACK?

YES

Whenever you decide to move back to Jerusalem, you'll be welcome

MAYBE NOT

You can leave, but if you stay away too long, your residency could be revoked, leaving you without legal status

WILL I KEEP MY LEGAL STATUS IF I MOVE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WEST BANK?

YES

You can move to an Israeli settlement in the West Bank. Your legal status is secure, regardless of where you live

MAYBE NOT

If Israeli authorities determine that you no longer "maintain a connection" to Jerusalem, you might lose your residency

CAN I EASILY MOVE TO A NEW HOME IN EAST JERUSALEM?

YES

You should have no problem moving into a settlement

MAYBE NOT

It's virtually impossible to obtain a building permit, and built-up Palestinian areas are already overcrowded

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BORN UNEQUAL WEST BANK

JEWISH CITIZEN OF ISRAEL
BORN IN AN ISRAELI SETTLEMENT

PALESTINIAN ID HOLDER
BORN IN A PALESTINIAN VILLAGE (AREA C)

CAN I HOP IN MY CAR AND DRIVE TO JERUSALEM?

YES

You can do so on roads designed to bypass Palestinian communities and facilitate your commute

NO

You need a rarely issued Israeli permit that's generally time limited. Even with a permit, you'll face checkpoints where you're likely to experience delays and humiliation

IF I'M ARRESTED, WILL I GET A FAIR TRIAL?

YES

You'll be tried in Israeli civil courts with full due process rights

NO

You'll be tried in an Israeli military court with a near 100% conviction rate, or possibly even held in administrative detention without trial or charge, based on secret evidence

DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH AND RIGHT TO PROTEST?

YES

Only speech with "near certainty" to "seriously jeopardize" vital security can be restricted. You can protest without fear of state repression

NO

Military orders restrict your right to free speech and right to protest. If you violate these vaguely worded orders, you could face up to 10 years in prison

CAN I BUILD A HOME?

YES

Israel has allocated large swaths of the West Bank to settlements, where plans have been approved to build thousands of homes

NO

Because you live in the 60% of the West Bank that is under exclusive Israeli control (Area C), it's virtually impossible. You may be more likely to have your home demolished than get a permit to build

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BORN UNEQUAL NEGEV

NIRIT

JEWISH CITIZEN OF ISRAEL
BORN IN AN ISRAELI TOWN

WISSAM

PALESTINIAN CITIZEN OF ISRAEL
BORN IN UNRECOGNIZED BEDOUIN VILLAGE

IS MY COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT?

YES

As part of a policy to "Judaize the Negev", Israel actively nurtures the development of Jewish communities in the Negev

NO

Israel does not recognize 35 Palestinian Bedouin communities, making it impossible for 90,000 or so residents to live lawfully in their homes

CAN I ACCESS BASIC SERVICES?

YES

Likely without any obstacles, thanks to billions of shekels Israel has invested in major infrastructure projects to attract Jewish residents to the area

NO

Israel refuses to connect your unrecognized village to national electricity or water grids or provide basic services like paved roads, sewage systems and schools

CAN I STAY HERE FOR YEARS TO COME?

YES

Israel continues to make more and more land available to Jewish communities to encourage you to stay and raise your family here

MAYBE NOT

Israel seeks to concentrate Bedouins in government-planned townships. As a resident of an unrecognized village, you live under constant threat of home demolition

IF I WANT TO MOVE, DO I HAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS?

YES

You can move to a big city or one of hundreds of other small Jewish towns across Israel

MAYBE NOT

Among other challenges, hundreds of small Jewish towns have admissions committees that have power by law to exclude Palestinian citizens from living there

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4. NAVIGATING APARTHEID

Visuals in this section: Segregated Road System | Where Law Stands on the Wall | Across the Wall | Greater Israel Bus Connections | No Ticket to Ride | Freedom Is for Everyone | Born at Qalandia Checkpoint | Spot the Difference | Occupied Airwaves

“I stood there, about to give birth, with so much pain, totally confused, holding my body fearing it will explode, fearing my water will break, so sad, heavy sadness, but not one tear drop, saddened about my situation, our conditions, I was about to give birth, as if about to die.

—Layal describes being in labor for three hours at an Israeli checkpoint in an interview with Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, “The Politics of Birth and the Intimacies of Violence against Palestinian Women in Jerusalem,”in the British Journal of Criminology *(2015)*

“We arrived in a Palestine Red Crescent Society ambulance at one of the checkpoints outside Jerusalem. The soldiers stopped us … I was lying in the ambulance, feeling totally helpless…. One and a half hours later, I was finally transferred to the ambulance that had come from Jerusalem to take me to the hospital.

—Palestinian patient interviewed by Medical Aid for Palestinians, “Access to Healthcare” (2016)

Imagine two people—one an Israeli citizen driving a yellow-plated car and one a Palestinian resident of the West Bank driving a white-plated car—commuting roughly the same distance over the same terrain. Why does it take the Palestinian driver much longer to cover the same ground?

Yitzhar and Itamar are two illegal Israeli settlements 6.4 kilometers apart in the occupied West Bank. To drive between them, Google Maps suggests a route of 9.7 kilometers with a drive time of twelve minutes.[1] Yitzhar sits on land confiscated from six Palestinian towns. One of these towns, Huwara, made headlines in February 2023 when hundreds of Israeli settlers rampaged through it, torching cars and setting homes on fire with people inside. To drive from Huwara to the Palestinian town of Kafr Qalil, a

distance of 4.8 kilometers, Google Maps suggests a route of 43.5 kilometers, with a drive time of over an hour.

The app warns that both driving routes “may cross country borders,” even though they fall entirely within the Palestinian West Bank. Google’s inaccurate use of “country borders” refers to the infrastructure of Israeli apartheid and military occupation. The occupied West Bank is rife with such spatial absurdities by design, and we use design to expose them.

Segregated Road System—Visualizing Palestine’s first exploration of apartheid infrastructure—shows roads that Palestinian residents of the West Bank are barred or restricted from using, based on documentation compiled by B’Tselem. Immediately after occupying the West Bank in 1967, Israel constructed two major north–south highways, the Allon Road and Route 90, which became the first corridor for illegal Israeli settlement activity. Then, they built a series of east–west highways and a network of bypass roads to enable settlers to reach their destinations without passing through Palestinian population centers. The roads accessible to Palestinians are often designed to disrupt the territorial contiguity of Palestinian towns, resulting in long detours and frequent stops at Israeli military checkpoints.

Starting in 2002, Israel’s wall in the West Bank became one of the most visible manifestations of apartheid. It is over twice the height of the Berlin Wall, with a meandering route that deliberately reconfigures Palestinian space. Its path cuts deep into the West Bank, through the middle of Palestinian neighborhoods, separating Palestinian villages from their land and annexing the land without its population. **Where Law Stands on the Wall** captures the International Court of Justice’s (ICJ) 2004 advisory ruling declaring the wall illegal based on its route and its role in violations of Palestinian rights.[2] ICJ judges ruled fourteen to one that Israel must dismantle the wall and pay reparations to Palestinians, but over twenty years later, construction continues.

We scraped an Israeli bus routes website to find routes that travel into the West Bank. **Across the Wall** and **Greater Israel Bus Connections** show bus routes that are almost exclusively used by Israeli settlers, running

between Jerusalem and various illegal Israeli settlements on the opposite side of the wall. These transit maps illustrate the parallel realities of Palestinians and Israelis navigating a single space of apartheid. Across the Wall foregrounds obstructing structures, showing how Palestinians navigate a landscape marred by the wall, hundreds of Israeli military checkpoints, and infrastructure designed to disrupt rather than connect. The satirically titled Greater Israel Bus Connections does not show these barriers, which are typically excluded from official Israeli maps of the West Bank. Instead, it paints a picture of seamless connection. Israeli settlers are encouraged to see the West Bank as an extension of Israel, a suburb where they can find cheaper housing, lower taxes, convenient transportation, more space, and stunning views, all while rarely thinking about or interacting with Palestinians.

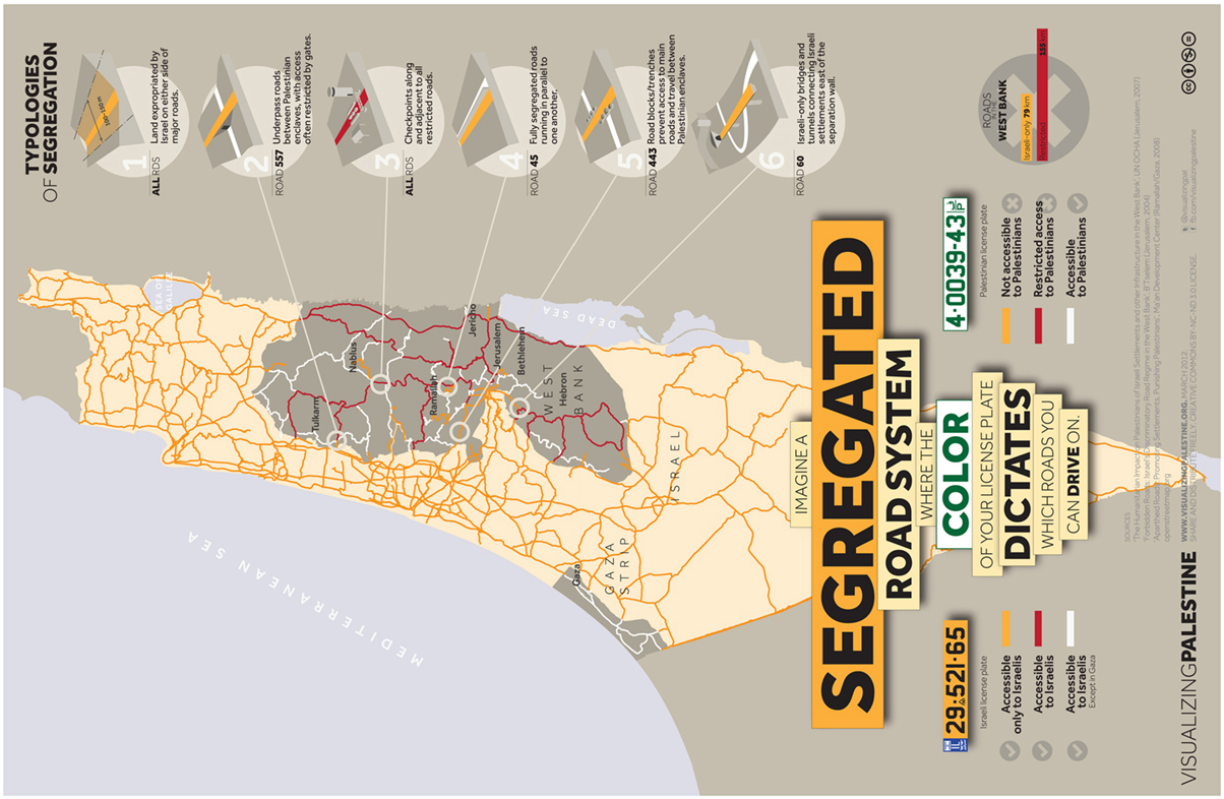
The end result of this system, depicted in **No Ticket to Ride,** is that numerous buses that operate in the West Bank do not serve the majority of people who live there. In 2011, a group of Palestinians boarded Israeli buses despite being West Bank ID holders. At a military checkpoint, they were arrested by Israeli soldiers.[3] **Freedom Is for Everyone** speaks to the significance of the US civil rights movement, particularly the Freedom Riders, as a source of inspiration for Palestinian civil disobedience.

As of 2020, there were some 593 Israeli military checkpoints and roadblocks throughout the occupied West Bank.[4] As a form of biopolitical surveillance and control, checkpoints are not just an inconvenience to Palestinians; they are often deadly. In 2015, for example, Ahmad Samih Bdeir did not survive his daily commute from the West Bank to an Israeli construction site. He was the second Palestinian commuter that year to be crushed to death by extreme overcrowding at al-Tayba checkpoint.[5]

Born at Qalandia Checkpoint is a glimpse into the less visible impacts of military occupation on Palestinian women, children, and family life. At Israeli checkpoints, Palestinian women experience what Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian describes as “pregnancy under the constraint of militarized space and time.”[6] During the Second Intifada, from 2000 to 2005, at least sixty-

seven babies were born to Palestinian mothers forced to wait at Israeli checkpoints on their way to the hospital. Many of the babies died.[7] These babies' accelerated journeys from womb to tomb unfold against a backdrop of years of Israeli debate about the "demographic time bomb" of Palestinian birth rates.

Israel's control over communications networks exacerbates the disruptions Palestinians experience in physical space. Israeli authorities barred Palestinian telecommunications companies in the West Bank from offering 3G services until 2018, four years after Israeli companies started offering 4G services to Israeli settlers living illegally in the same area, as we explore in **Spot the Difference** and **Occupied Airwaves.** These disruptions impact education, businesses, freedom of expression, and access to information. In late 2023, Israeli authorities imposed multiple complete communications blackouts on Gaza, preventing Palestinians from contacting each other or the outside world during periods of intense bombardment.[8]



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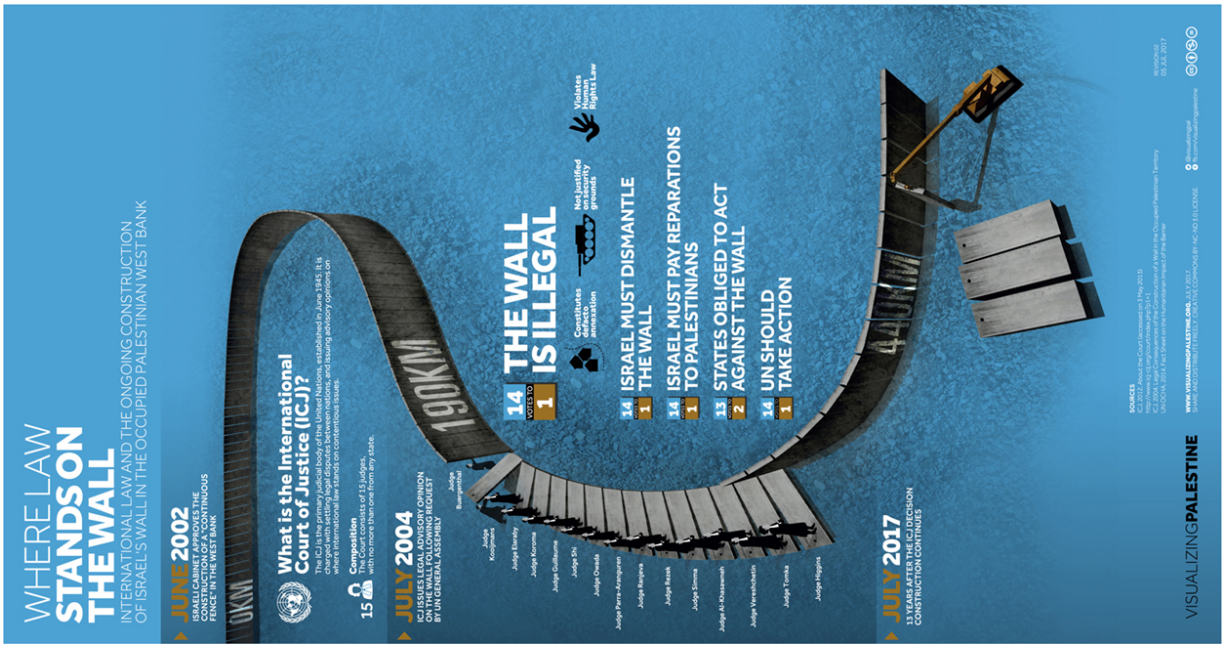
WHERE LAW STANDS ON THE WALL
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF ISRAEL'S WALL IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN WEST BANK
JUNE 2002
ISRAELI CABINET APPROVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTINUOUS FENCE IN THE WEST BANK
0KM
What is the International Court of Justice (ICJ)?
The ICJ is the primary judicial body of the United Nations, established in June 1945. It is competent to settle disputes between states, including advisory opinion on where international law stands on contentious issues.
Composition
The Court consists of 15 judges, with no more than one from any state.
15
JULY 2004
ICJ ISSUES LEGAL ADVISORY OPINION ON THE WALL FOLLOWING REQUEST BY UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Judge Buergenthal
Judge Koroma
Judge Elaraby
Judge Kooijmans
Judge Guillaume
Judge Shi
Judge Owada
Judge Parra-Aranguren
Judge Ranjeva
Judge Rezek
Judge Simma
Judge Al-Khasawneh
Judge Vereshchetin
Judge Tomka
Judge Higgins
190KM
14 VOTES TO 1
THE WALL IS ILLEGAL
Constitutes de facto annexation
Not justified on security grounds
Violates Human Rights Law
14 VOTES TO 1
ISRAEL MUST DISMANTLE THE WALL
14 VOTES TO 1
ISRAEL MUST PAY REPARATIONS TO PALESTINIANS
13 VOTES TO 2
STATES OBLIGED TO ACT AGAINST THE WALL
14 VOTES TO 1
UN SHOULD TAKE ACTION
JULY 2017
13 YEARS AFTER THE ICJ DECISION CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES
440KM
SOURCES
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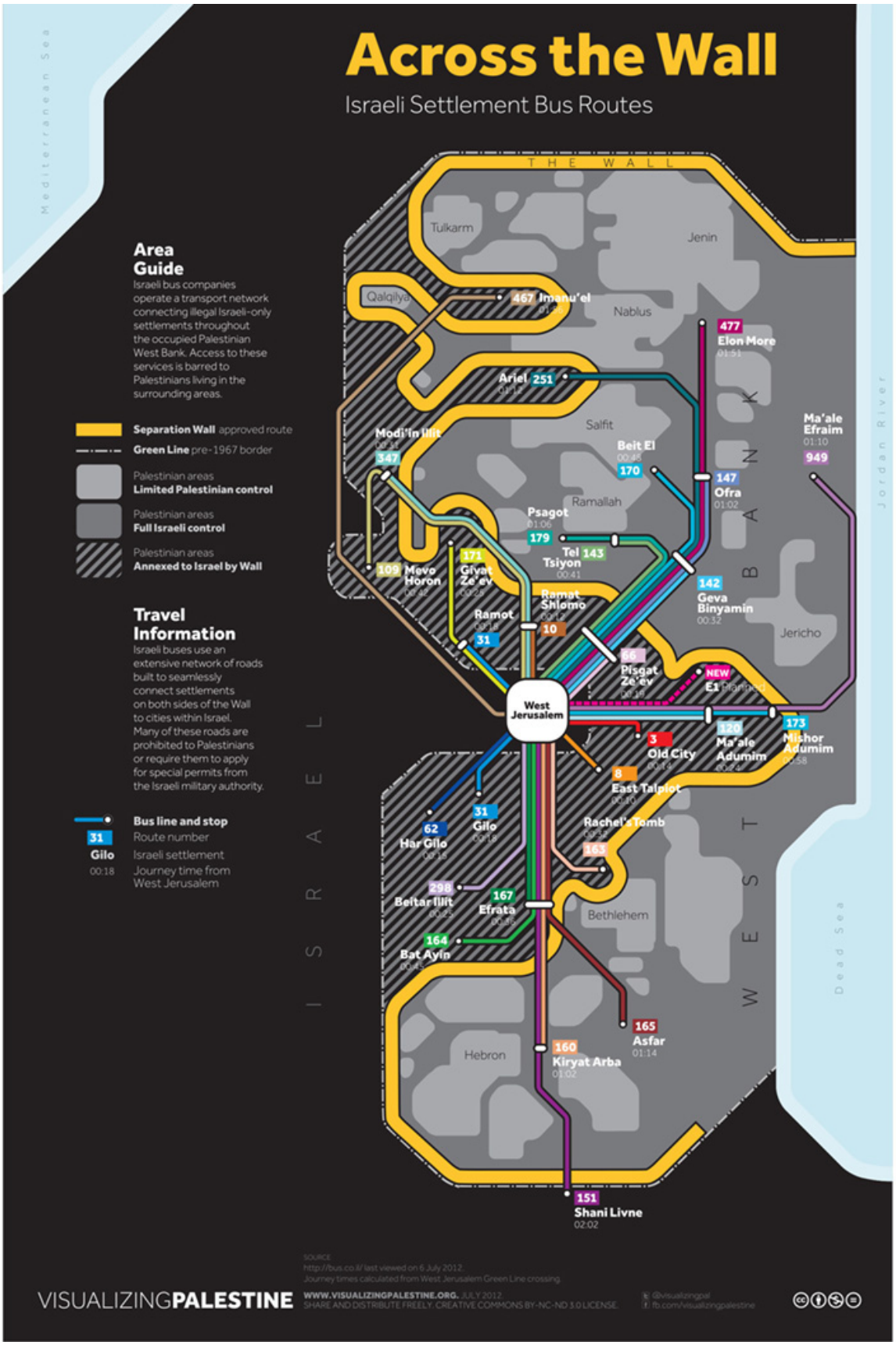
Across the Wall

Israeli Settlement Bus Routes



Area Guide

Israeli bus companies operate a transport network connecting illegal Israeli-only settlements throughout the occupied Palestinian West Bank. Access to these services is barred to Palestinians living in the surrounding areas.

Separation Wall approved route

Green Line pre-1967 border

Palestinian areas **Limited Palestinian control**

Palestinian areas **Full Israeli control**

Palestinian areas **Annexed to Israel by Wall**

Travel Information

Israeli buses use an extensive network of roads built to seamlessly connect settlements on both sides of the Wall to cities within Israel. Many of these roads are prohibited to Palestinians or require them to apply for special permits from the Israeli military authority.

Bus line and stop

31 Route number

Gilo Israeli settlement

00:18 Journey time from West Jerusalem

SOURCE
http://bus.co.il/ last viewed on 6 July 2012.
Journey times calculated from West Jerusalem Green Line crossing.

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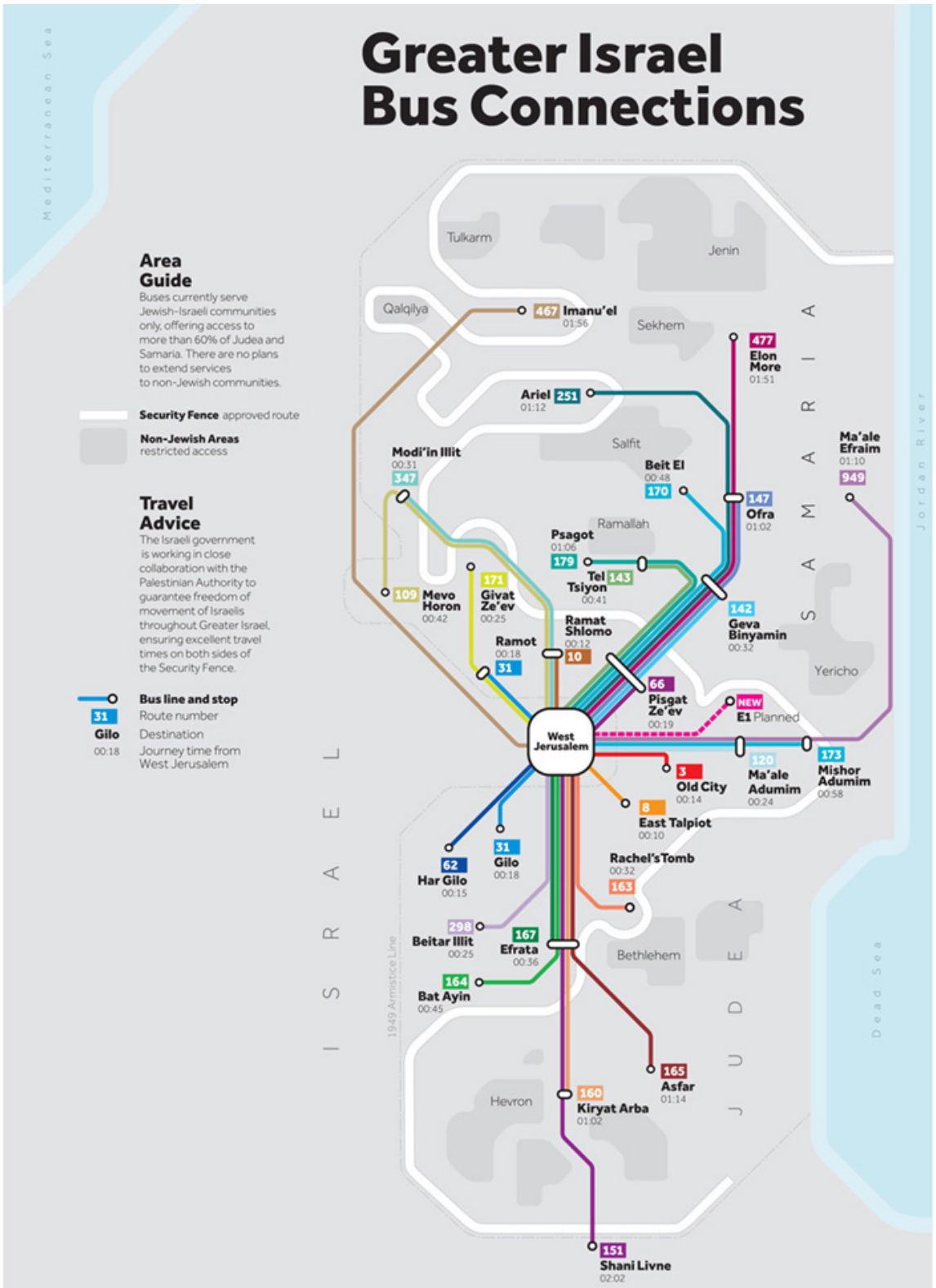
Greater Israel Bus Connections



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Buses currently serve Jewish-Israeli communities only, offering access to more than 60% of Judea and Samaria. There are no plans to extend services to non-Jewish communities.

Security Fence approved route

Non-Jewish Areas restricted access

Travel Advice

The Israeli government is working in close collaboration with the Palestinian Authority to guarantee freedom of movement of Israelis throughout Greater Israel, ensuring excellent travel times on both sides of the Security Fence.

Bus line and stop
31 Route number
Gilo Destination
00:18 Journey time from West Jerusalem

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BLACKS BANNED
IN THE USA
UNTIL 1960

PALESTINIANS BANNED
IN THE WEST BANK TODAY

FREEDOM IS FOR EVERYONE NO MATTER THEIR COLOR OR ETHNICITY

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Jason
I WAS BORN AT CLEVELAND CLINIC
Camille
I WAS BORN AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOSPITAL
Rami
I WAS BORN AT QALANDIA CHECKPOINT
BETWEEN 2000 AND 2005*
67 PALESTINIAN MOTHERS WERE FORCED TO GIVE BIRTH AT ISRAELI MILITARY CHECKPOINTS.
36 BABIES DIED.
Many Palestinian women in isolated areas now resort to home births, or relocate to stay with relatives closer to a hospital in the weeks before they expect to give birth.
The UN has supported training for midwives to reach some of these women, but has failed to address the underlying Israeli restrictions on Palestinian movement.
As of June 2012, there remained 542 obstacles to Palestinian movement in the West Bank, including 61 permanent military checkpoints. For many Palestinians living there it is impossible to access a hospital without crossing an Israeli checkpoint.
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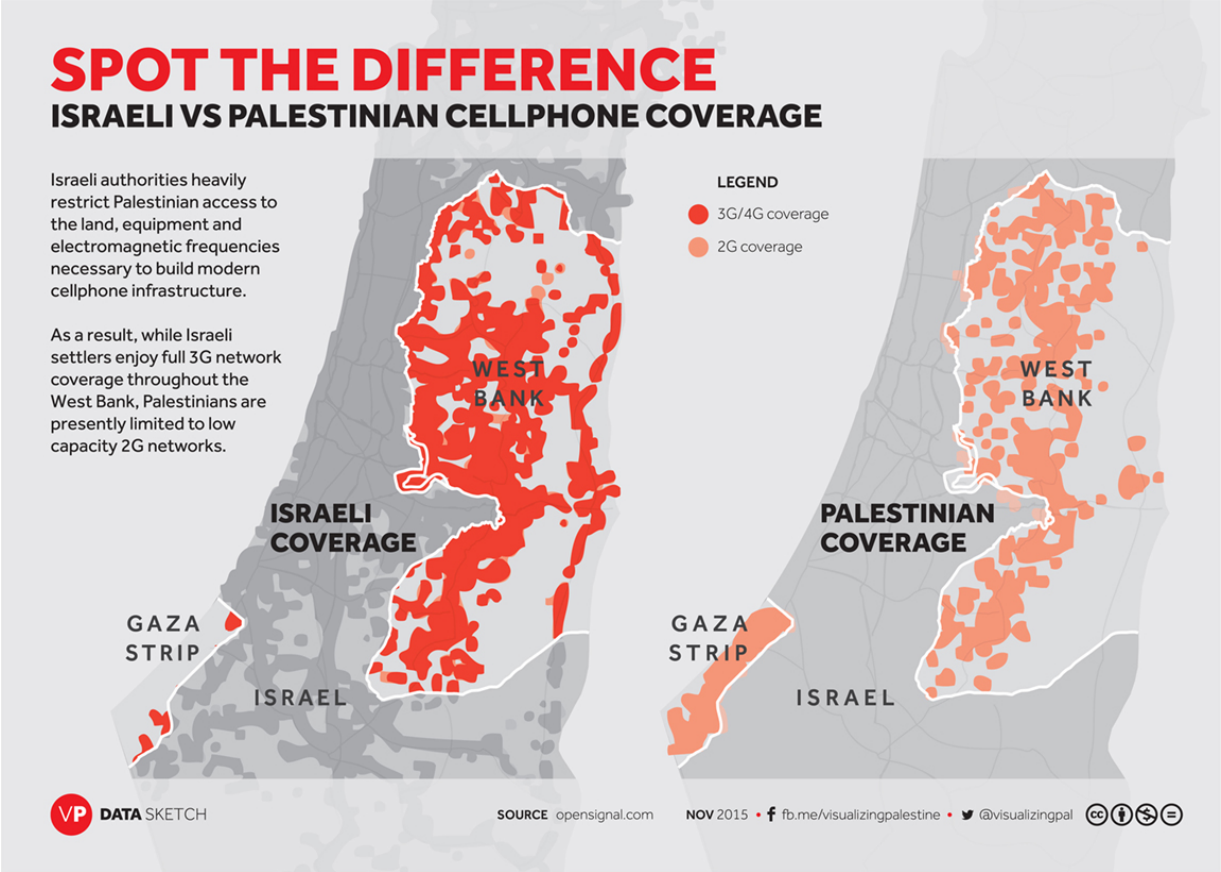
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
ISRAELI VS PALESTINIAN CELLPHONE COVERAGE
Israeli authorities heavily restrict Palestinian access to the land, equipment and electromagnetic frequencies necessary to build modern cellphone infrastructure.
As a result, while Israeli settlers enjoy full 3G network coverage throughout the West Bank, Palestinians are presently limited to low capacity 2G networks.
LEGEND
3G/4G coverage
2G coverage
WEST BANK
ISRAELI COVERAGE
GAZA STRIP
ISRAEL
WEST BANK
PALESTINIAN COVERAGE
GAZA STRIP
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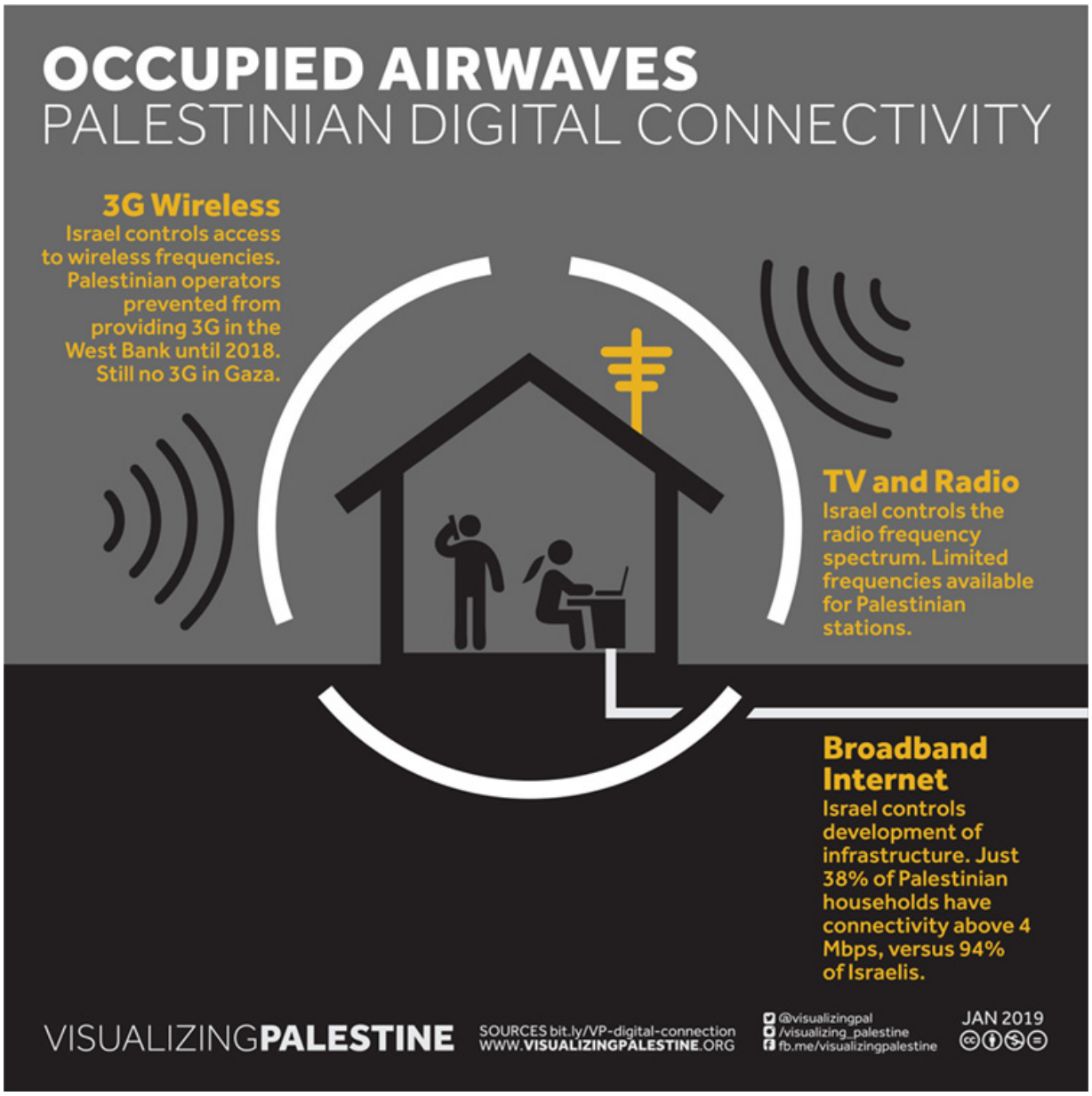
OCCUPIED AIRWAVES
PALESTINIAN DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY
3G Wireless
Israel controls access to wireless frequencies. Palestinian operators prevented from providing 3G in the West Bank until 2018. Still no 3G in Gaza.
TV and Radio
Israel controls the radio frequency spectrum. Limited frequencies available for Palestinian stations.
Broadband Internet
Israel controls development of infrastructure. Just 38% of Palestinian households have connectivity above 4 Mbps, versus 94% of Israelis.
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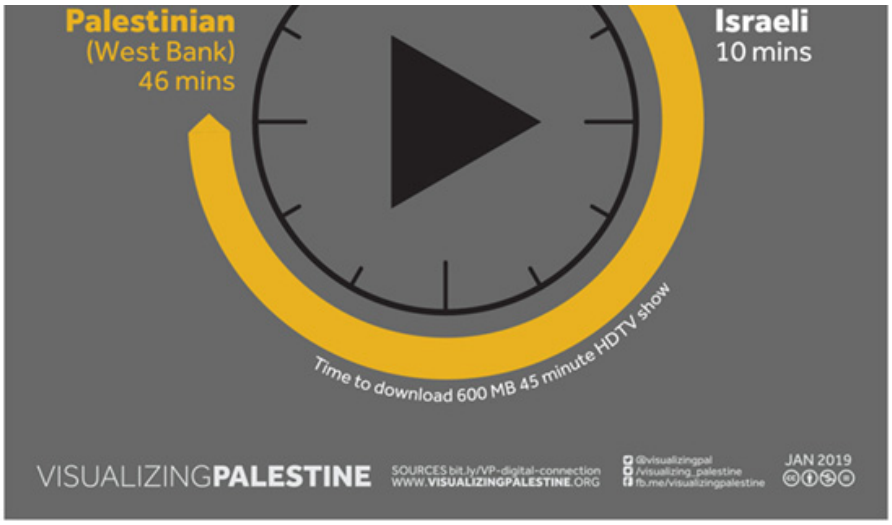
HOW LONG TO DOWNLOAD A TV SHOW?
ISRAEL DECIDES.
Israel controls and restricts the development of the Palestinian telecom sector, leading to slow internet speeds in the West Bank and Gaza.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(West Bank)
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Israeli
10 mins
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PAYING MORE FOR LESS
BROADBAND PRICES FOR ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS
Israel's restrictions on the development of the Palestinian telecom sector result in Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza paying higher prices for slower internet speeds.
$21 PER MONTH
less than 1% of per capita income
$37 PER MONTH
14% of per capita income
7.64 MEGABITS PER SECOND
Israeli
1.75 MEGABITS PER SECOND
Palestinian (West Bank)
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5. GAZA

Visuals in this section: Israel's Closure of Gaza Started Long Before the Blockade | Besieged | Gaza as 100 People | Gaza's Economic Collapse | Gaza's Untold Story | Short Walk Home, Long Walk to Freedom | Gaza Health Access | Treating Trauma under Israeli Fire (2023 update) | The Gaza Diet | Break the Siege | Four Wars Old | Six Wars Old | Miscarriage of Justice | Palestinian Families with Multiple Fatalities | 74 Elders | Genocide Definition and Quotes | *New York Times* Ad | *Toronto Star* Ad | Justice Denied | The Israeli Guide to Obstructing Justice | Zero Accountability

“Every second in Gaza under Israel’s blockade—where water and medical care are luxuries—is tainted by tragedy. Every time a family cannot afford to put food on the table, every time a house fire claims yet another victim, every time a cancer patient cannot acquire life-saving treatment or another desperate person ends their life, the horror of the blockade comes into full view.

—Jehad Abusalim, “Letter from Gaza: ‘Alive Due to Lack of Death,’” Al Jazeera (2017)

“What scares me the most is the thought of my death as a number among the numbers that increase every minute. I am not a number. It took me 23 years to become the person you see now. I have a home and friends, memory and pain.

—Shahrazad via X/Twitter (2023), quoted in Visualizing Palestine’s We Had Dreams platform (see Special Projects)

In 2023, 2.3 million Palestinians were living in the Gaza Strip, 47 percent of whom were children, 70 percent of whom were refugees,[1] and all of whom were held captive in 1 percent of their homeland. Exiting Gaza is extraordinarily difficult. Human rights experts and Palestinian residents of Gaza have described this tiny fragment of land as an “open-air prison.”

In 2012, the United Nations projected that the Gaza Strip would be “unlivable” by 2020 as a result of the Israeli-imposed land, air, and sea blockade, implemented in 2007.[2] **Israel’s Closure of Gaza Started Long Before the Blockade** depicts how this extreme measure is an intensification of decades of Israeli closures designed to strategically separate the population of Gaza from the rest of historic Palestine.

Israel's policy to isolate Gaza is directly related to its plans to annex the West Bank, maintaining control of as much of the land with as little of the Palestinian population as possible. Yisrael Katz, then Israel's minister of transport, explained this approach in 2016 when he said, "If we cut off from Gaza—we would be cut off from half of the Palestinian problem."[3] **Besieged** shows the suffocating conditions imposed on Gaza since the 2007 blockade. The intensity of this ongoing oppression created widespread desperation in Gaza, as the statistics in **Gaza as 100 People** demonstrate.

For thousands of years, Gaza was a bustling, prosperous gateway of international trade between Africa, Asia, and Europe. In **Gaza's Economic Collapse,** we show how Israel's control over the movement of people and goods in and out of Gaza decimated its main industries, creating deep poverty and one of the highest unemployment rates in the world, including a 64 percent unemployment rate among Gaza's youths (fifteen to twenty-four years old) as of 2021.[4]

During the Nakba in 1948, over 200,000 Palestinians from almost two hundred towns sought refuge in Gaza, which was inhabited by 100,000 residents at the time.[5] **Gaza's Untold Story** explores the accumulation of multiple forms of Israeli violence against those who were made refugees. A surreal and cruel geography emerges, where generations of Palestinian refugees live and die within walking distance of homes Israel prevents them from reaching.

During the Great March of Return in Gaza in March 2018, Palestinian protesters demanded an end to the Israeli blockade on Gaza, as well as the right to return to the homes from which their families were displaced in 1948. In response, Israeli snipers massacred 217 protesters, 147 of whom were refugees.[6] **Short Walk Home, Long Walk to Freedom,** a sister visual to Gaza's Untold Story, is a reflection on these events. The title of the visual references the title of Nelson Mandela's autobiography.[7]

Among the many devastating consequences of the Israeli blockade on Gaza are deteriorating health conditions and lack of access to healthcare services.

As the COVID-19 pandemic set in globally in early 2020, it added a new burden to Gaza's health systems, which were already in severe crisis. To depict these compounding conditions, we worked during the early days of lockdown to create a series of five visuals on **Gaza Health Access.** These visuals are based on data from the World Health Organization (WHO) on Israel's failure to meet its legal obligation as an occupying power to guarantee Palestinians' right to health.

Three years later, in 2023, during Israel's sixth military bombardment of Gaza in sixteen years, Israeli forces targeted the health system in Gaza to the point of total collapse. In October and November 2023, our team updated **Treating Trauma under Israeli Fire** (one of the five visuals in the series) three times in fifty-four days to reflect violations that grew more dire each day. Health workers described being unable to offer pain relief to injured patients; treating patients on the floor in overflowing hospitals crowded with sick, injured, dead, and displaced people; performing surgeries lit by a cell phone flashlight; resorting to vinegar as a disinfectant; receiving impossible evacuation orders from the Israeli military; Israeli snipers firing through hospital windows; and other beyond-horrific conditions. At the end of November 2023, the WHO warned, "We will see more people dying from disease than we are even seeing from the bombardment if we are not able to put back (together) this health system."[8]

When Israeli officials announced on October 9, 2023, that they would not allow water, food, or fuel to enter Gaza, it echoed a history of using food as a weapon of war. In 2006, Dov Weisglas, a senior adviser to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, described Israel's policy of restricting entry of food to Gaza as an effort to "put Palestinians on a diet, but not to make them die of hunger."[9] In 2012, an Israeli document titled "Food Consumption in the Gaza Strip–Red Lines" came to light, revealing collaboration between the Israeli military and the Israeli health ministry to make detailed calculations of the minimum calorie needs of Gaza's population, which it routinely failed to meet.[10] **The Gaza Diet** series captures the cruelty of these calculations. Although Israeli authorities supposedly stopped using the Red Lines policy in 2010, food insecurity in Gaza continued to rise.[11] This set

the stage for the events of 2023, as depicted in **Break the Siege,** in which Israel used starvation as a weapon of genocide.

Gaza has one of the youngest populations in the world, and children are disproportionately impacted by Israel's repeated military bombardments.[12] In 2021, in the wake of Israel's fourth bombardment of Gaza in fourteen years, we created **Four Wars Old** to depict the trauma experienced by hundreds of thousands of Palestinian children who've only known life under Israeli siege.

In November 2023, we updated this visual to **Six Wars Old** at a moment when Israeli forces had killed six thousand Palestinian children in Gaza, with thousands missing under the rubble. The title of these visuals references a short poem by Sara Naim Khatib in which a child in Gaza, when asked about her age, replies "three wars, and still growing."[13] Refaat Alareer, a Palestinian professor, writer, and poet who was assassinated by Israeli forces in Gaza in December 2023, used the same expression to describe his daughter in a 2014 piece that inspired these visuals.[14]

No child should grow up in these conditions, and yet Palestinian children in Gaza (and throughout Palestine) experience what Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian refers to as the process of "unchilding," which is the "authorized eviction of children from childhood."[15] Palestinian children are treated as "*nobodies* who are unworthy of global children's rights" and are seen "as *dangerous* and *killable bodies* needing to be caged and dismembered, physically and mentally."[16] Palestinian children are considered a threat before they are born.

In chapter 4, "Navigating Apartheid," we reflected on the experiences of women giving birth under Israeli military occupation with our visual Born at Qalandia Checkpoint. In October 2023, the intersection of reproductive justice and Palestinian liberation came screaming to the forefront as thousands of pregnant women in Gaza had to bring life into the world amid a genocide. Behind the figures in **Miscarriage of Justice** are stories of countless women giving birth under the most dire circumstances

imaginable, including a woman who gave birth one day after her five-year-old son was killed in an Israeli airstrike, a woman who took her last breaths as her child was delivered by C-section, a couple who was discharged from the hospital with their newborn to find their home reduced to rubble, and many more.

On October 15, 2023, over eight hundred scholars and practitioners of international law, conflict studies, and genocide studies signed a statement to emphasize "the existence of a serious risk of genocide being committed in the Gaza Strip."[17] In describing the severity of the situation, they note that "entire families across Gaza have been obliterated." Our visual on **Palestinian Families with Multiple Fatalities** highlights the staggering number of Palestinian families who have lost multiple members. Since Palestinian families often live in multigenerational households, there are many cases of infants being killed with their siblings, parents, and grandparents. These atrocities echo the massacres of the 1948 Nakba, and many of the elders killed carried the memory of those events, as we highlight in **74 Elders.**

Genocide is defined in the Genocide Convention as any of five specific acts "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group." Intent is an important part of the crime of genocide. In **Genocide Definition and Quotes,** we highlight statements by Israeli officials that clearly establish the intent of their actions. The international community, with North American and European governments at the helm, has not only failed in its duty to prevent the genocide, but it has enabled and abetted it.[18] US complicity has been especially evident in rhetoric, diplomatic measures, and material assistance in the form of weapons and equipment. The Center for Constitutional Rights notes: "There is a plausible and credible case to be made that the United States' actions to further the Israeli military operation, closure, and campaign against the Palestinian population in Gaza, rise to the level of complicity in the crime under international law."[19]

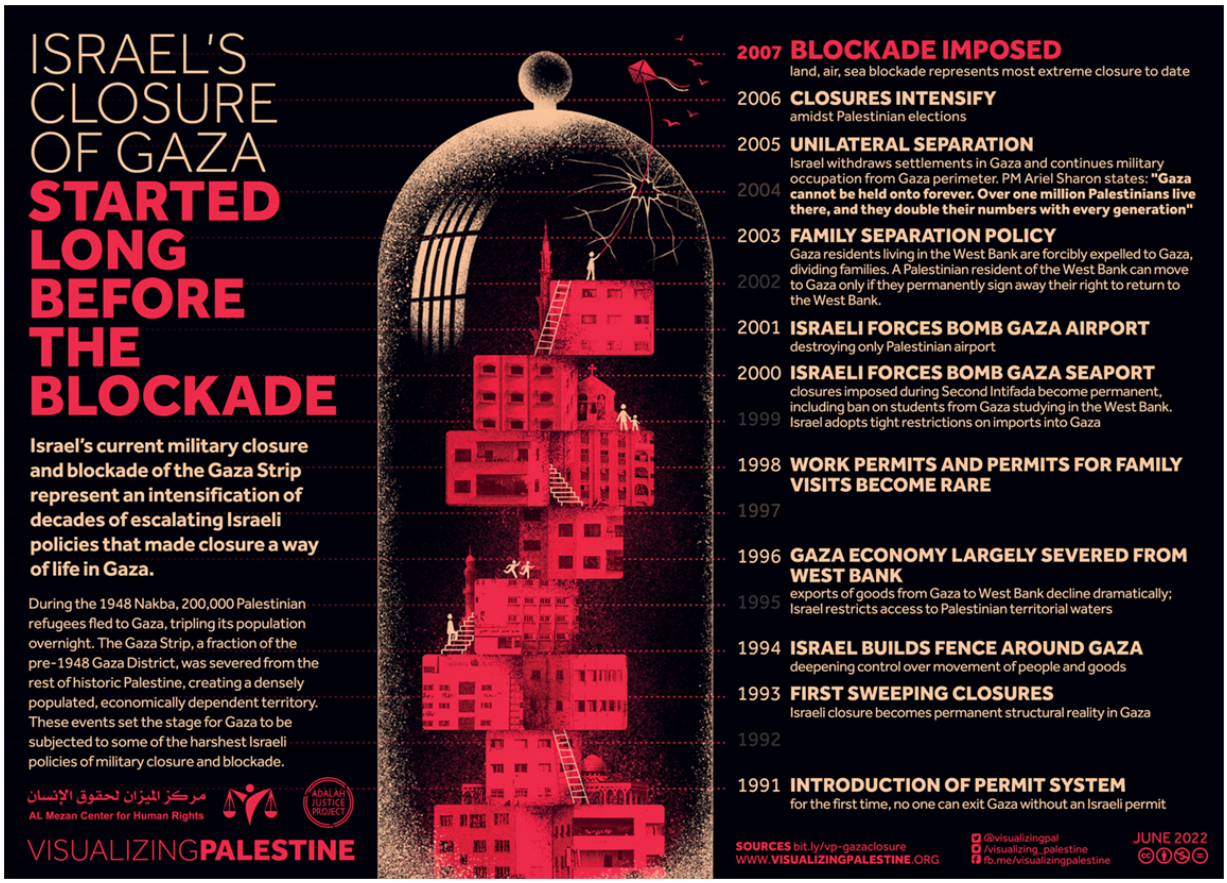
Throughout the excruciating weeks of fall 2023, we tied all of our work to one call to action: ceasefire now. We also highlighted this demand through partnered advertisements, including a ***New York Times* Ad** and ***Toronto Star* Ad.** The *New York Times* piece took a week to complete, and in that time, the death toll in Gaza had climbed from 3,620 on October 18 to 5,791 on October 24, highlighting the difficulty of communicating constantly evolving information during a genocide.

Decades of impunity for Israeli war crimes paved the way for the unfolding genocide in 2023. **The Israeli Guide to Obstructing Justice** and **Justice Denied** demonstrate how Israeli military courts do not meet the minimum international standard for investigating violations of international law, which requires investigations to be independent, impartial, effective, prompt, and transparent. Instead, Israeli military courts often make token convictions of soldiers for minor felonies, while Israeli military commanders and politicians are shielded from accountability. For example, no Israeli officials were held accountable for the 2014 indiscriminate bombings that left 142 Palestinian families burying three or more members,[20] including the Bakr family, whose four children between the ages of nine and eleven were killed by an Israeli missile strike as they played soccer on a beach in Gaza.[21]

As a "court of last resort," the International Criminal Court (ICC) takes up a case only when national courts have proven unwilling or unable to provide impartial and transparent proceedings to deal with serious international crimes. In 2021, the ICC launched an investigation into potential Israeli war crimes in the occupied Palestinian territory, including during Israel's brutal military attack on Gaza in 2014, summarized in two versions of the visual **Zero Accountability.** Since 2014, repeated Israeli bombardments of Gaza multiplied these figures many times over, forcing us to update this visual again and again.[22]

While European and North American governments have failed to hold Israel accountable for its cumulative crimes against humanity, in 2023 millions of people around the world protested for the Palestinian people's

right to live in freedom and dignity, from Seoul to São Paulo to Johannesburg. In London, calls for a ceasefire in Gaza drew some of the largest crowds for a political protest in decades. In Berlin, people defied harsh protest bans to bring their demands to the streets. In the United States, commentators described the chorus of dissent as “the largest antiwar, anti-imperialist protests since the Iraq War in 2003.”[23] At Freedom Plaza in Washington, DC, named in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., the Red Nation national chair Melanie Yazzie offered four words that summarize the struggle against settler colonialism, from Turtle Island to Palestine: “We are still here!”[24]


ISRAEL'S CLOSURE OF GAZA STARTED LONG BEFORE THE BLOCKADE
Israel's current military closure and blockade of the Gaza Strip represent an intensification of decades of escalating Israeli policies that made closure a way of life in Gaza.
During the 1948 Nakba, 200,000 Palestinian refugees fled to Gaza, tripling its population overnight. The Gaza Strip, a fraction of the pre-1948 Gaza District, was severed from the rest of historic Palestine, creating a densely populated, economically dependent territory. These events set the stage for Gaza to be subjected to some of the harshest Israeli policies of military closure and blockade.
مركز الميزان لحقوق الإنسان
AL Mezan Center for Human Rights
ADALAH JUSTICE PROJECT
VISUALIZINGPALESTINE
2007 BLOCKADE IMPOSED
land, air, sea blockade represents most extreme closure to date
2006 CLOSURES INTENSIFY
amidst Palestinian elections
2005 UNILATERAL SEPARATION
Israel withdraws settlements in Gaza and continues military occupation from Gaza perimeter. PM Ariel Sharon states: "Gaza cannot be held onto forever. Over one million Palestinians live there, and they double their numbers with every generation"
2004
2003 FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY
Gaza residents living in the West Bank are forcibly expelled to Gaza, dividing families. A Palestinian resident of the West Bank can move to Gaza only if they permanently sign away their right to return to the West Bank.
2002
2001 ISRAELI FORCES BOMB GAZA AIRPORT
destroying only Palestinian airport
2000 ISRAELI FORCES BOMB GAZA SEAPORT
closures imposed during Second Intifada become permanent, including ban on students from Gaza studying in the West Bank.
1999 Israel adopts tight restrictions on imports into Gaza
1998 WORK PERMITS AND PERMITS FOR FAMILY VISITS BECOME RARE
1997
1996 GAZA ECONOMY LARGELY SEVERED FROM WEST BANK
exports of goods from Gaza to West Bank decline dramatically;
1995 Israel restricts access to Palestinian territorial waters
1994 ISRAEL BUILDS FENCE AROUND GAZA
deepening control over movement of people and goods
1993 FIRST SWEEPING CLOSURES
Israeli closure becomes permanent structural reality in Gaza
1992
1991 INTRODUCTION OF PERMIT SYSTEM
for the first time, no one can exit Gaza without an Israeli permit
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BESIEGED
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ISRAELI SIEGE ON GAZA
RESTRICTED GAS RESERVES
PALESTINIANS BARRED FROM ACCESSING OFFSHORE GAS RESERVES WORTH
$4BN
RESTRICTED FISHING
SINCE 2007, THE ISRAELI MILITARY HAS REPEATEDLY ATTACKED PALESTINIAN FISHERMEN, KILLING 3 AND INJURING AT LEAST 35.
THE BLOCKADE BARS THEM FROM REACHING LARGER FISH STOCKS BEYOND AT A MINIMUM OF 12-15 MILES OFF GAZA.
ISRAELI MILITARY PATROLS RESTRICT PALESTINIANS TO WITHIN 3 TO 6 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE COAST, DENYING ACCESS TO GAZA'S OWN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THE WORLD BEYOND.
SEA BLOCKADE
DESTROYED PORTS
THE ISRAELI MILITARY DESTROYED GAZA'S UNCOMPLETED SEAPORT IN 2002, AND AIRPORT IN 2001, PREVENTING PALESTINIANS FROM ENGAGING IN DIRECT TRADE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
RESTRICTED ELECTRICITY
GAZA'S ONLY POWER PLANT HAS FACED REPEATED ISRAELI ATTACKS AND BLOCKED FUEL SHIPMENTS, COSTING $80M ANNUALLY IN PROFIT FOR ELECTRICITY TO GAZA, WHILE PALESTINIANS FACE
12-16HRS
OF POWER CUTS PER DAY.
RESTRICTED LAND
PALESTINIANS ARE BARRED FROM USING 17% OF GAZA'S LAND, INCLUDING
35%
OF FARMLAND, DUE TO AN ISRAELI-IMPOSED BUFFER ZONE
LAND BLOCKADE
SINCE 2007, PALESTINIAN IMPORTS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY RESTRICTED AND EXPORTS BARRED. ISRAELI COMPANIES PROFIT FROM A MONOPOLY ON SUPPLY OF GOODS TO GAZA, MAKING
$375M
IN 2012
SINCE 2007, ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE IMPOSED A DEVASTATING LAND, AIR AND SEA BLOCKADE ON THE GAZA STRIP. THE 1.8 MILLION PALESTINIANS LIVING THERE ARE ISOLATED FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD. DENIED ACCESS TO THEIR OWN RESOURCES, AND FACE A 45% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.
INTERNATIONAL WATERS
9
6
3
0 NAUTICAL MILES
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WWW.VISUALIZINGPALESTINE.ORG, DECEMBER 2014.
SOURCES
Data aggregated from Al Jazeera, AIRLB Taskforce, CIS Monitor, Gisha, Palestinian CBS, World Bank and Ynet. Montage adapted from vector art by Natali Snakkat and Alexzel/Shutterstock.
Gaza population http://bit.ly/gcba-pop2014 | Unemployment http://bit.ly/wb-employment-lp100 | 3-6nm Sea blockade http://bit.ly/gisha-blockade | Seaport http://bit.ly/qa-seaport | Airport http://bit.ly/gisha-airport-lp30 | $4bn Gas reserves http://bit.ly/bmap-gas | $92m Electricity http://bit.ly/arij-cost | Fish shoals http://bit.ly/cism-fish | Fishermen attacks http://bit.ly/gisha-fishermen
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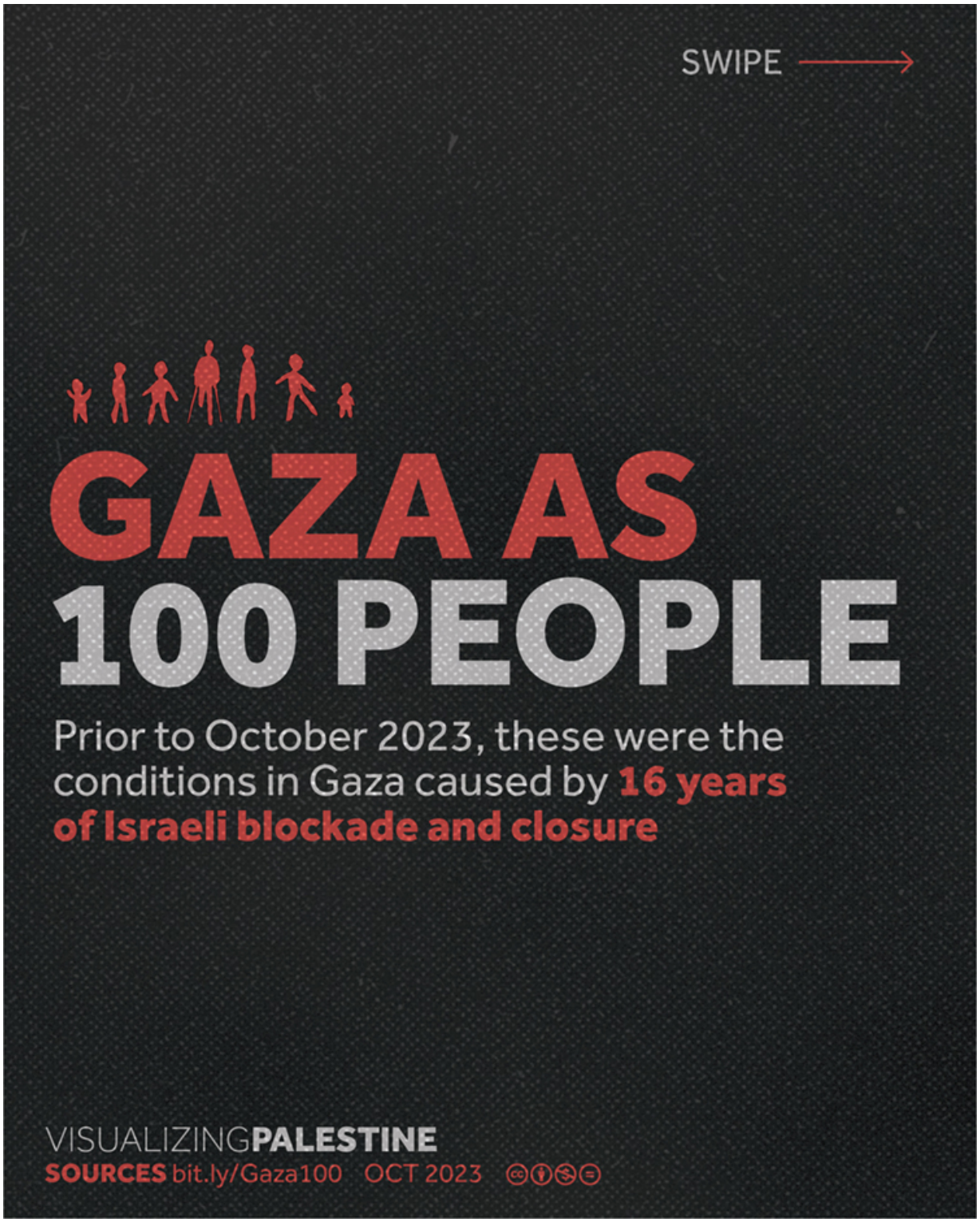
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GAZA AS
100 PEOPLE
Prior to October 2023, these were the conditions in Gaza caused by 16 years of Israeli blockade and closure
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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

47 are **children**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

45 of these children have **trauma, depression,** or **anxiety**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

53 are **adults**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

38 of these adults have **depression**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

70 are **refugees**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

82 live in **poverty**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

63 are **food insecure**

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GAZA AS **100 PEOPLE**

95 don't have direct access to **clean water**

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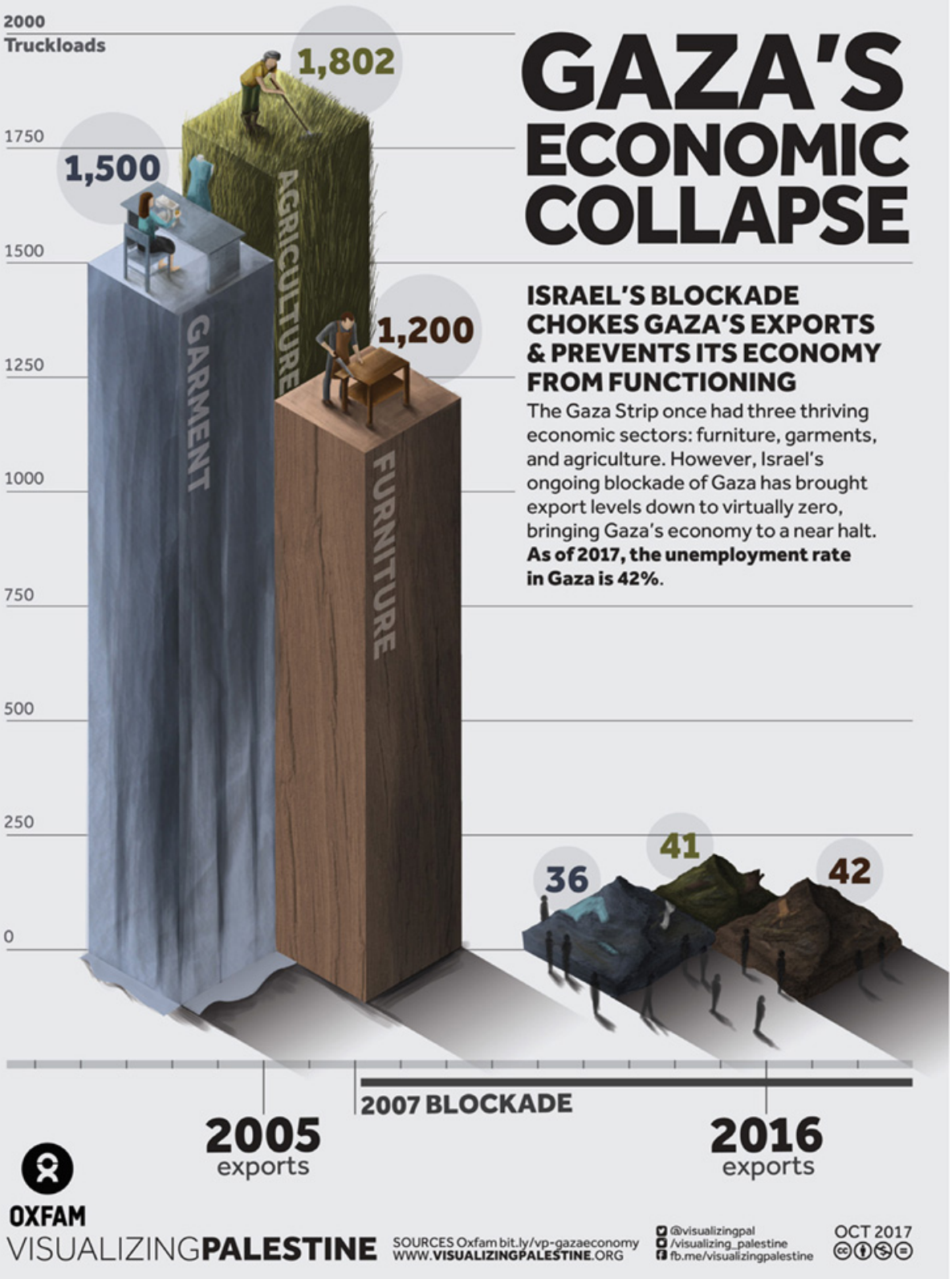

GAZA'S ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE CHOKES GAZA'S EXPORTS & PREVENTS ITS ECONOMY FROM FUNCTIONING

The Gaza Strip once had three thriving economic sectors: furniture, garments, and agriculture. However, Israel's ongoing blockade of Gaza has brought export levels down to virtually zero, bringing Gaza's economy to a near halt. **As of 2017, the unemployment rate in Gaza is 42%.**

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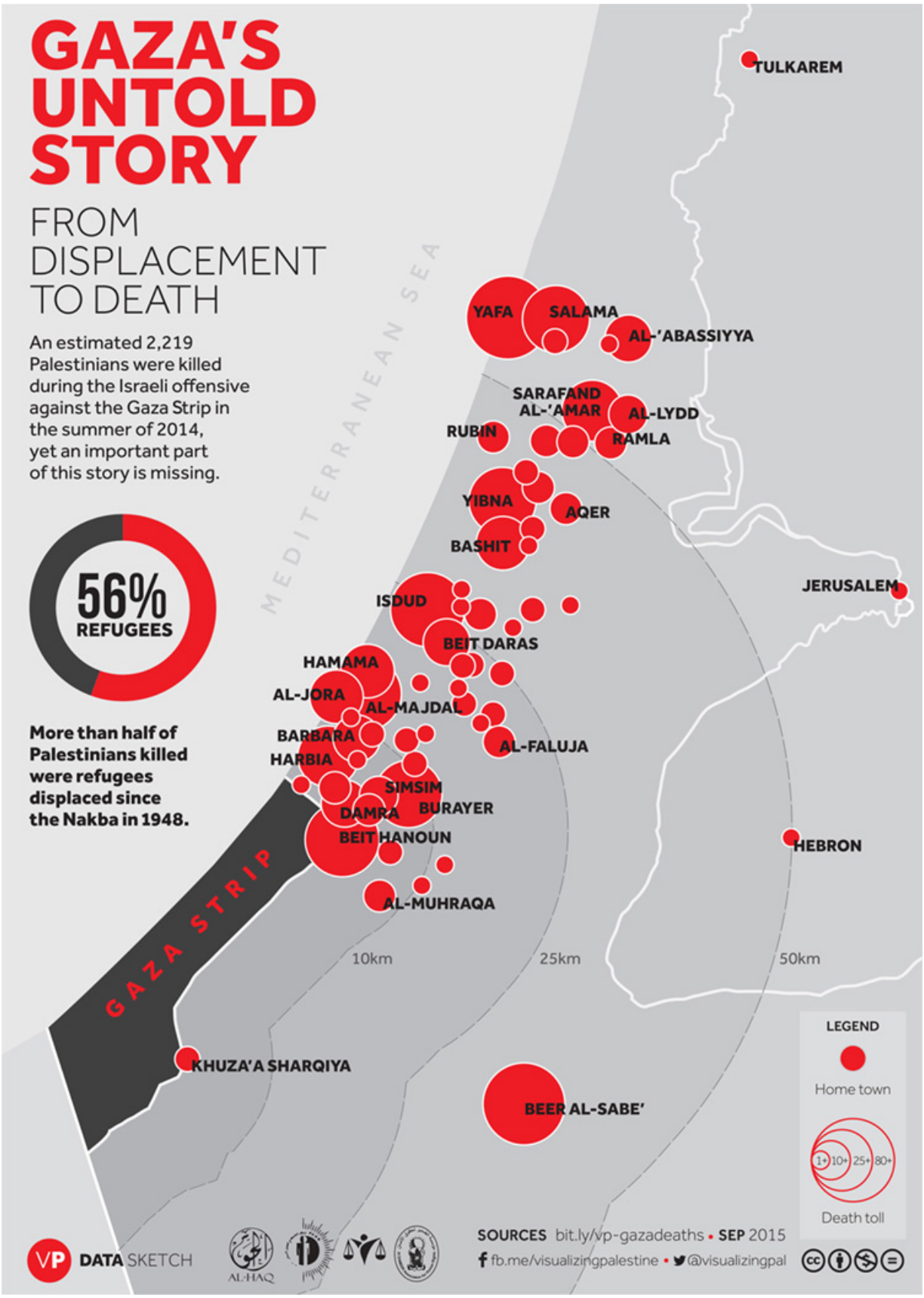
GAZA'S UNTOLD STORY
FROM DISPLACEMENT TO DEATH
An estimated 2,219 Palestinians were killed during the Israeli offensive against the Gaza Strip in the summer of 2014, yet an important part of this story is missing.
56% REFUGEES
More than half of Palestinians killed were refugees displaced since the Nakba in 1948.
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
GAZA STRIP
TULKAREM
YAFA
SALAMA
AL-'ABASSIYYA
SARAFAND AL-'AMAR
AL-LYDD
RUBIN
RAMLA
YIBNA
AQER
BASHIT
JERUSALEM
ISDUD
BEIT DARAS
HAMAMA
AL-JORA
AL-MAJDAL
BARBARA
HARBIA
AL-FALUJA
SIMSIM
BURAYER
DAMRA
BEIT HANOUN
HEBRON
AL-MUHRAQA
10km
25km
50km
KHUZA'A SHARQIYA
BEER AL-SABE'
LEGEND
Home town
1+ 10+ 25+ 80+
Death toll
VP DATA SKETCH
AL-HAQ
SOURCES bit.ly/vp-gazadeaths • SEP 2015
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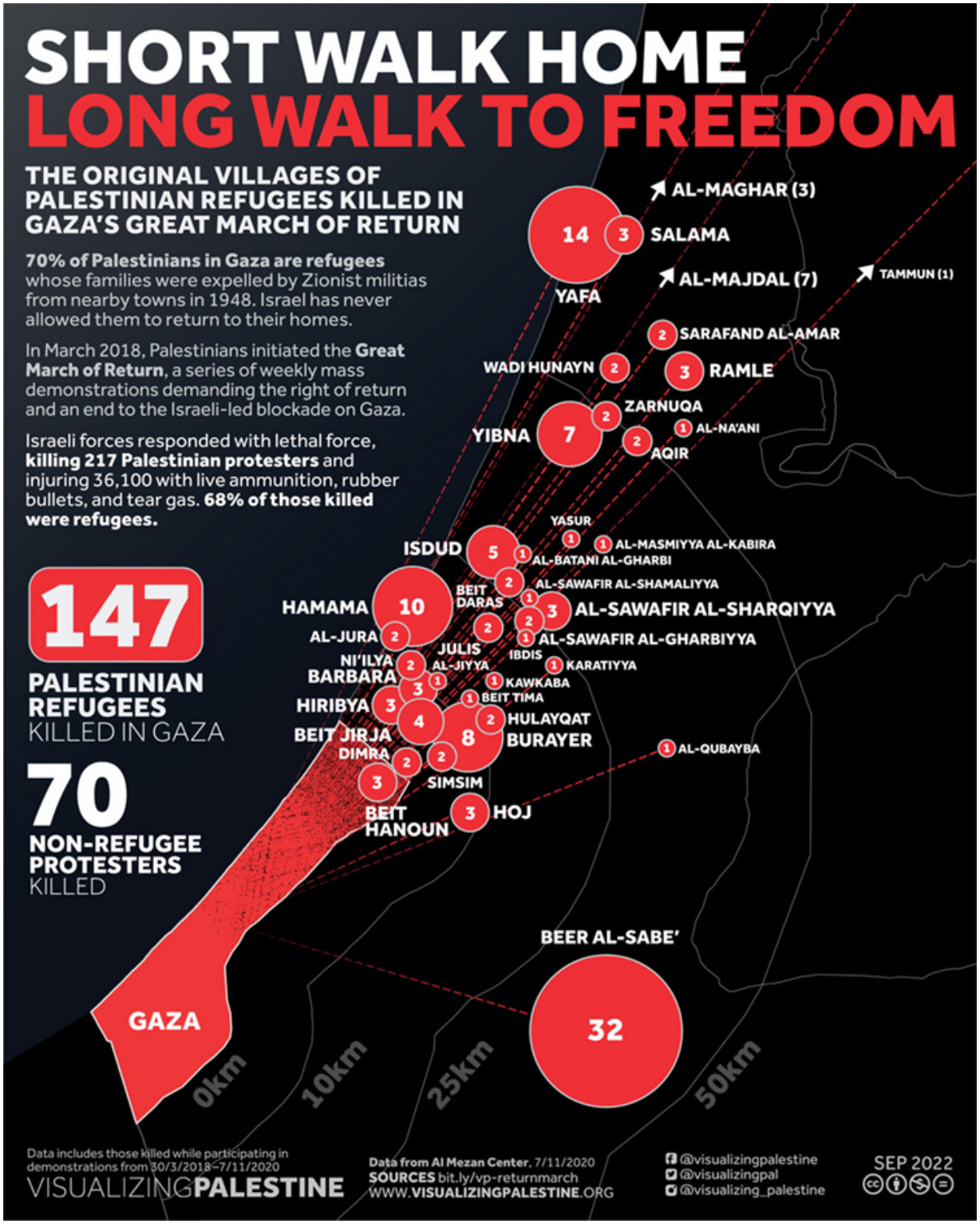

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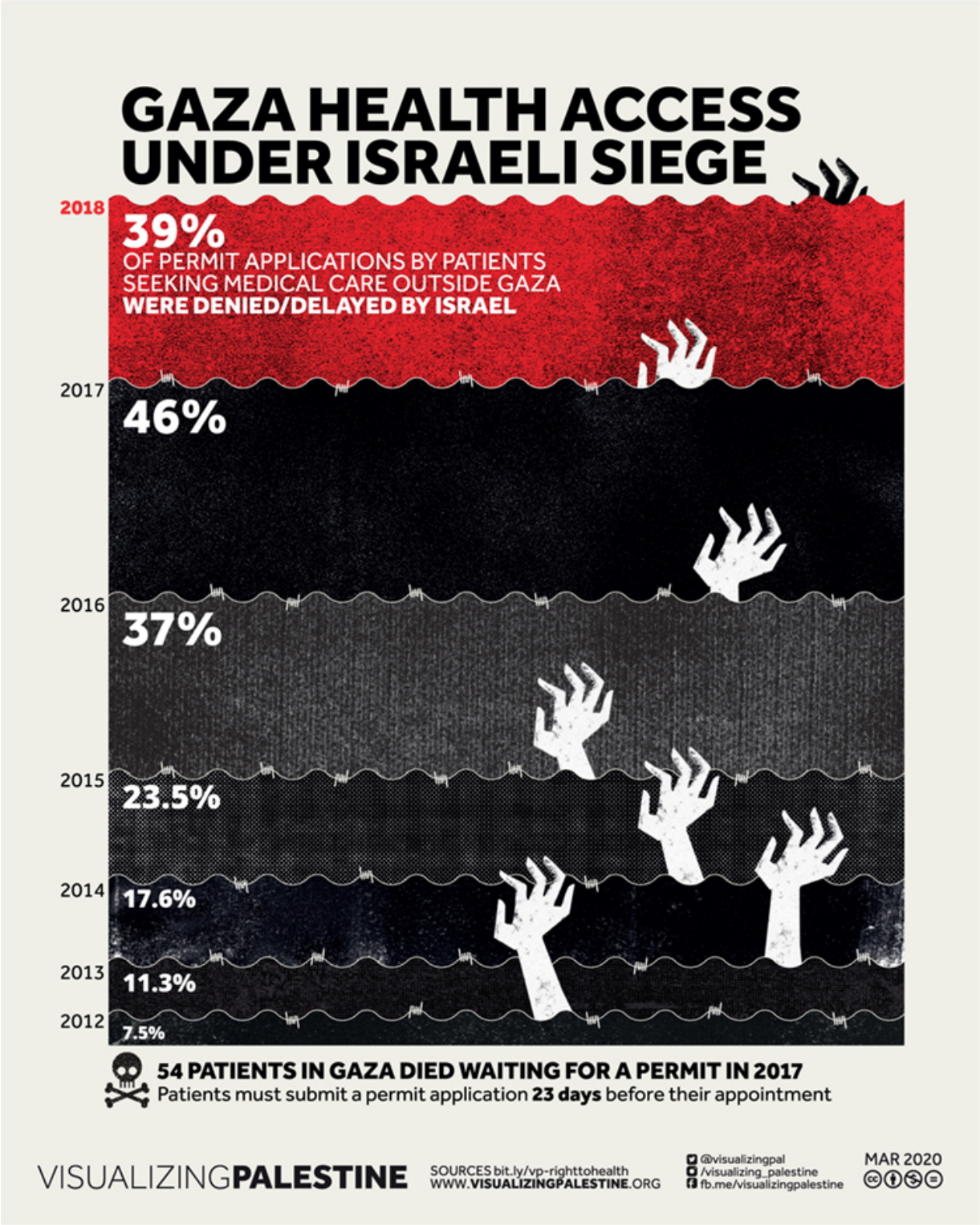

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ISRAEL DENIES MEDICAL TRAINING

2% APPROVED

98%

RATE OF DENIAL/DELAY FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS

by Palestinians to attend trainings, workshops, and conferences outside Gaza in 2018

68% PENDING
effectively denied because opportunities are usually time sensitive

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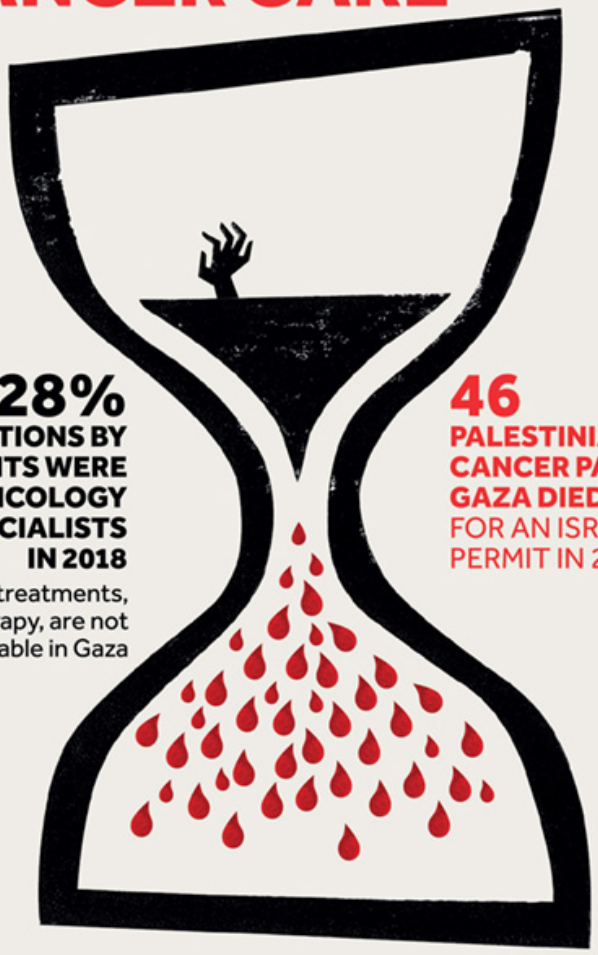
ISRAEL DENIES CANCER CARE



28%
OF APPLICATIONS BY GAZA PATIENTS WERE TO SEE ONCOLOGY (CANCER) SPECIALISTS IN 2018

Some cancer treatments, like radiotherapy, are not available in Gaza

46
PALESTINIAN CANCER PATIENTS IN GAZA DIED WAITING FOR AN ISRAELI EXIT PERMIT IN 2017

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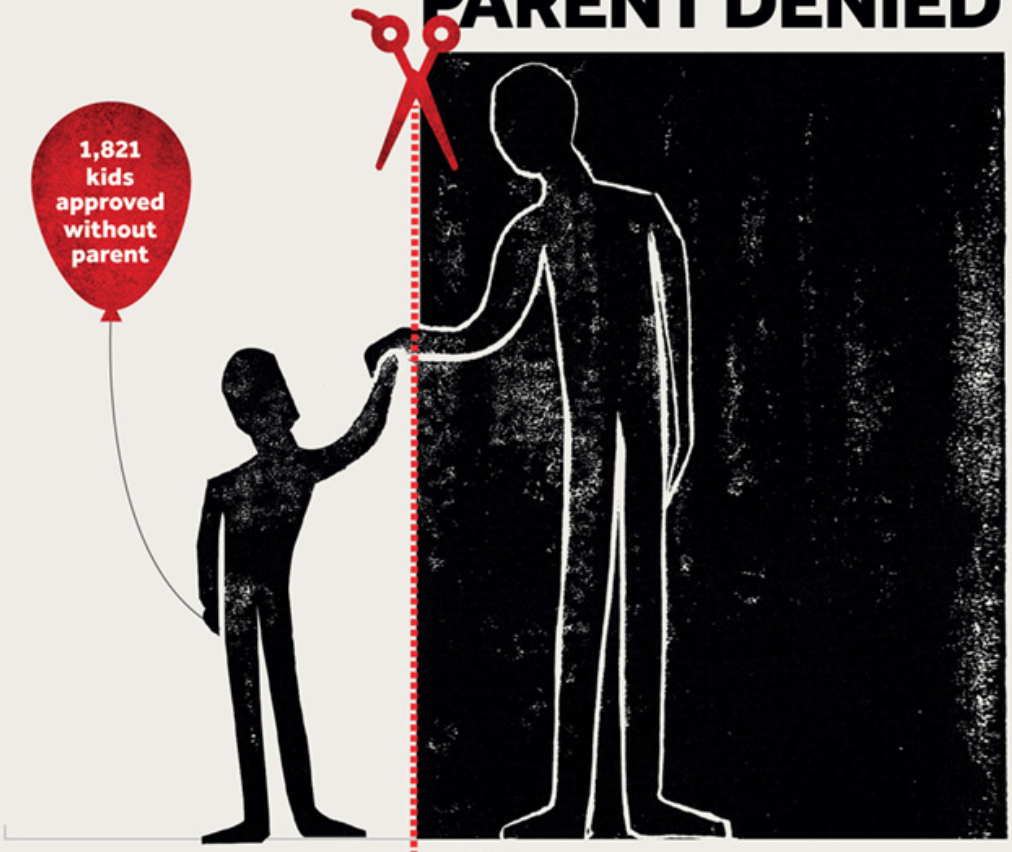
CHILD APPROVED **PARENT DENIED**



59%
OF SICK KIDS APPLYING FOR AN ISRAELI PERMIT TO EXIT GAZA WERE APPROVED WITHOUT THEIR PARENT IN 2018

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TREATING TRAUMA UNDER ISRAELI FIRE
201 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED
87 AMBULANCES DAMAGED
77 HEALTH FACILITIES CLOSED
135 HEALTH FACILITIES ATTACKED
As of November 22, 2023
DOCTORS IN GAZA
33,000
Palestinians injured during Israeli assault on Gaza
(Oct. 7 – Nov. 22, 2023)

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ACCORDING TO ISRAEL, PALESTINIANS NEED 43% LESS DAIRY THAN ISRAELIS.
The Red Lines Policy
Israel controls all food that enters the Gaza Strip. In 2007, Israeli authorities mandated that Palestinians in Gaza should receive a bare minimum of food to avoid malnutrition, featuring 43% less dairy than considered healthy for the average Israeli. Though Israel claims to have ended this policy, as of 2017 40% of Gaza's households suffered from severe food insecurity, largely as a result of Israel's blockade.
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ACCORDING TO ISRAEL, PALESTINIANS NEED 19% LESS MEAT THAN ISRAELIS.

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SEP 2018

ACCORDING TO ISRAEL, PALESTINIANS NEED 37% FEWER FRUITS AND VEGGIES THAN ISRAELIS.
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BREAK THE SIEGE
Israel has controlled how much food enters Gaza since 2007
FROM OCTOBER 9–25, 2023, GAZA RECEIVED
2% OF THE USUAL AMOUNT OF FOOD
Usual: 104 trucks of food per day | Now: 30 trucks of food in 17 days
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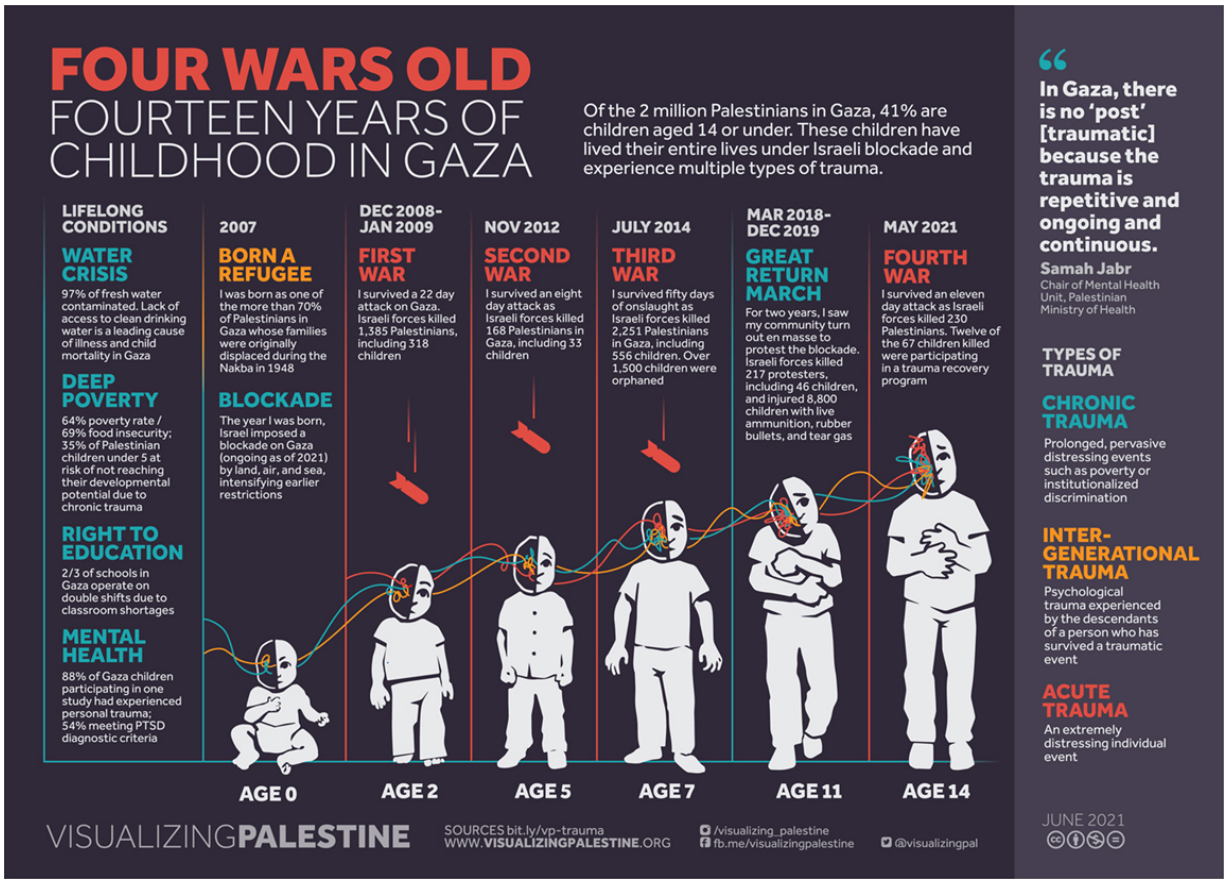
FOUR WARS OLD
FOURTEEN YEARS OF CHILDHOOD IN GAZA
Of the 2 million Palestinians in Gaza, 41% are children aged 14 or under. These children have lived their entire lives under Israeli blockade and experience multiple types of trauma.
LIFELONG CONDITIONS
WATER CRISIS
97% of fresh water contaminated. Lack of access to clean drinking water is a leading cause of illness and child mortality in Gaza
DEEP POVERTY
64% poverty rate / 69% food insecurity; 35% of Palestinian children under 5 at risk of not reaching their developmental potential due to chronic trauma
RIGHT TO EDUCATION
2/3 of schools in Gaza operate on double shifts due to classroom shortages
MENTAL HEALTH
88% of Gaza children participating in one study had experienced personal trauma; 54% meeting PTSD diagnostic criteria
2007
BORN A REFUGEE
I was born as one of the more than 70% of Palestinians in Gaza whose families were originally displaced during the Nakba in 1948
BLOCKADE
The year I was born, Israel imposed a blockade on Gaza (ongoing as of 2021) by land, air, and sea, intensifying earlier restrictions
DEC 2008-JAN 2009
FIRST WAR
I survived a 22 day attack on Gaza. Israeli forces killed 1,385 Palestinians, including 318 children
NOV 2012
SECOND WAR
I survived an eight day attack as Israeli forces killed 168 Palestinians in Gaza, including 33 children
JULY 2014
THIRD WAR
I survived fifty days of onslaught as Israeli forces killed 2,251 Palestinians in Gaza, including 556 children. Over 1,500 children were orphaned
MAR 2018-DEC 2019
GREAT RETURN MARCH
For two years, I saw my community turn out en masse to protest the blockade. Israeli forces killed 217 protesters, including 46 children, and injured 8,800 children with live ammunition, rubber bullets, and tear gas
MAY 2021
FOURTH WAR
I survived an eleven day attack as Israeli forces killed 230 Palestinians. Twelve of the 67 children killed were participating in a trauma recovery program
AGE 0
AGE 2
AGE 5
AGE 7
AGE 11
AGE 14
"In Gaza, there is no 'post' [traumatic] because the trauma is repetitive and ongoing and continuous.
Samah Jabr
Chair of Mental Health Unit, Palestinian Ministry of Health
TYPES OF TRAUMA
CHRONIC TRAUMA
Prolonged, pervasive distressing events such as poverty or institutionalized discrimination
INTER-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA
Psychological trauma experienced by the descendants of a person who has survived a traumatic event
ACUTE TRAUMA
An extremely distressing individual event
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SIX WARS OLD
SIXTEEN YEARS OF CHILDHOOD IN GAZA
Of 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza, 47% are children. Most of these children have lived their entire life under Israeli blockade, experiencing multiple types of trauma.
LIFELONG CONDITIONS
WATER CRISIS
97% of fresh water contaminated. Lack of access to clean drinking water is a leading cause of illness and child mortality in Gaza
DEEP POVERTY
61% poverty rate / 63% food insecurity; 35% of Palestinian children under 5 at risk of not reaching their developmental potential due to chronic trauma
RIGHT TO EDUCATION
2/3 of schools in Gaza operate on double shifts due to classroom shortages
MENTAL HEALTH
95% of children in Gaza showed symptoms of anxiety, depression and trauma in one 2022 study
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FOURTH ASSAULT
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AGE 15
FIFTH ASSAULT
I survived a three day attack on Gaza. Israeli forces killed 33 Palestinians, including 9 children
AGE 16
SIXTH ASSAULT
I am experiencing acts of genocide. In 46 days, Israeli forces killed 14,854 Palestinians, including 6,150 children. Thousands of children are missing in the rubble, and doctors are using the acronym WCNSF: wounded child no surviving family
2007
DEC 2008-JAN 2009
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AUG 2022
OCT 2023-ONGOING
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No clean water

No safe shelter

56 attacks on health services

Collapsing hospital system

Bombs overhead

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MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE

Pregnancy under **Israeli bombardment**

Some women have **miscarried** from **shock and stress**

One woman **gave birth the day after her 5-year-old son was killed** in an Israeli airstrike on their home

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189 families with
6-9 members killed
549 families with
2-5 members killed
312 families with
more than 10
members killed
HUNDREDS OF PALESTINIAN FAMILIES IN GAZA HAVE LOST MULTIPLE MEMBERS IN THE ISRAELI BOMBARDMENT
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Data from 7 October – 10 November, 2023
SOURCES bit.ly/vp-families DECEMBER 2023

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74 ELDERS AGED 76 OR OLDER
74 PALESTINIANS KILLED IN GAZA WERE OLDER THAN THE STATE OF ISRAEL
74 elders who SURVIVED THE NAKBA IN 1948, BUT NOT NOW
74 elders who NEVER GOT TO SEE THEIR GENERATION RETURN HOME
74 elders who TAUGHT SUMUD (STEADFASTNESS) TO FUTURE GENERATIONS
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Data from October 7–26, 2023
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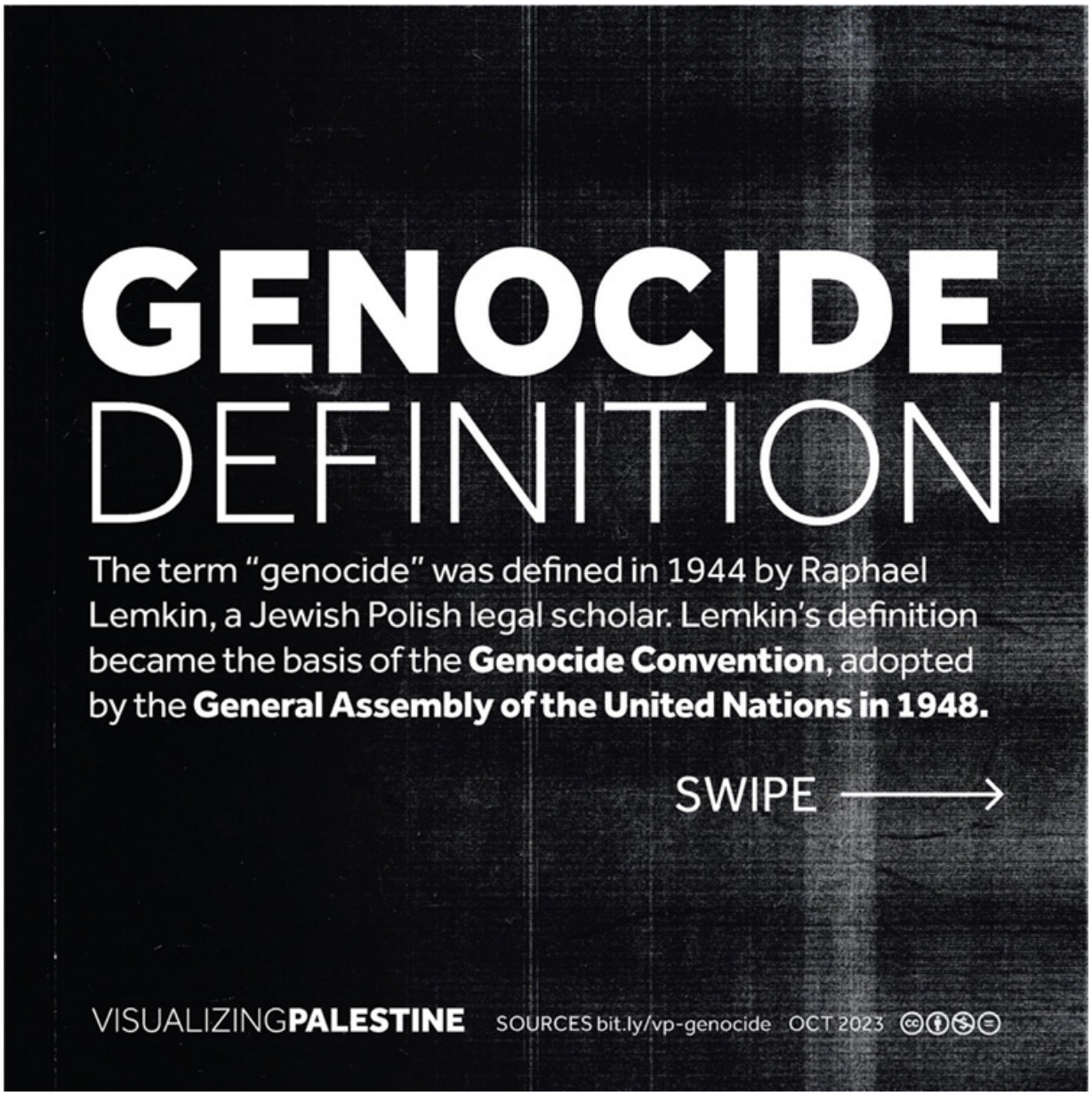
GENOCIDE
DEFINITION
The term "genocide" was defined in 1944 by Raphael Lemkin, a Jewish Polish legal scholar. Lemkin's definition became the basis of the **Genocide Convention**, adopted by the **General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948.**
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GENOCIDE DEFINITION

“ More often **[genocide]** refers to a coordinated plan aimed at **destruction of the essential foundations of the life of national groups** so that these groups wither and die like plants that have suffered a blight. The end may be accomplished by the **forced disintegration of political and social institutions, of the culture of the people, of their language, their national feelings and their religion.** It may be accomplished by **wiping out all basis of personal security, liberty, health and dignity.** When these means fail **the machine gun can always be utilized as a last resort.** Genocide is directed against a national group as an entity and the attack on individuals is only secondary to the annihilation of the national group to which they belong.

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Incitement to genocide is **punishable under the Genocide Convention.**

Genocide scholars have reviewed statements by Israeli government officials and stated that they are **"fully espousing genocidal intent."**

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THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRICITY, NO FOOD, NO FUEL...WE ARE FIGHTING HUMAN ANIMALS AND WE ARE ACTING ACCORDINGLY.

Yoav Gallant, **Israeli Minister of Defense** (2023)

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WE'LL TURN THEM INTO RUBBLE...I'M TELLING THE PEOPLE OF GAZA: GET OUT OF THERE NOW, BECAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO ACT EVERYWHERE WITH ALL OUR FORCE.

Benjamin Netanyahu, **Israeli Prime Minister** (2023)

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RIGHT NOW, ONE GOAL: NAKBA! A NAKBA THAT WILL OVERSHADOW THE NAKBA OF 48. NAKBA IN GAZA AND NAKBA TO ANYONE WHO DARES TO JOIN!

Ariel Kallner, **Member of Israeli Knesset** (2023)

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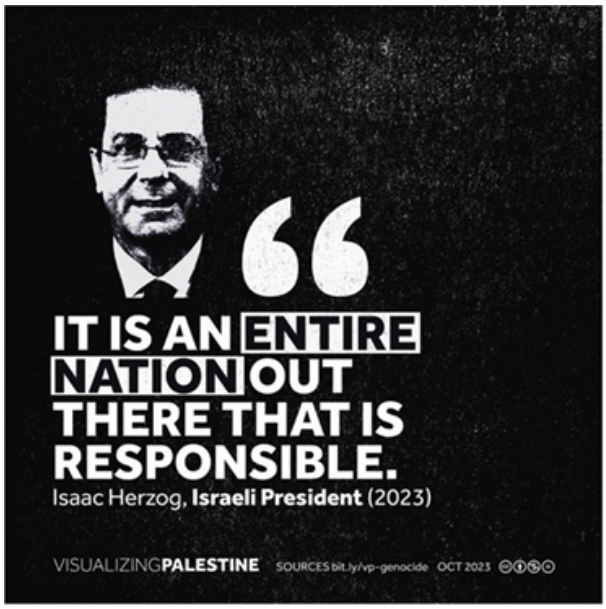
IT IS AN ENTIRE NATION OUT THERE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE.
Isaac Herzog, Israeli President (2023)
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תמונת הניצחון:
0 תושבים בעזה
VICTORY: ZERO RESIDENTS IN GAZA.
Banners posted in Israeli cities (2023)
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THE ONLY THING THAT NEEDS TO ENTER GAZA ARE HUNDREDS OF TONS OF EXPLOSIVES FROM THE AIR FORCE, NOT AN OUNCE OF HUMANITARIAN AID.
Itamar Ben Gvir, Israeli Minister of National Security (2023)
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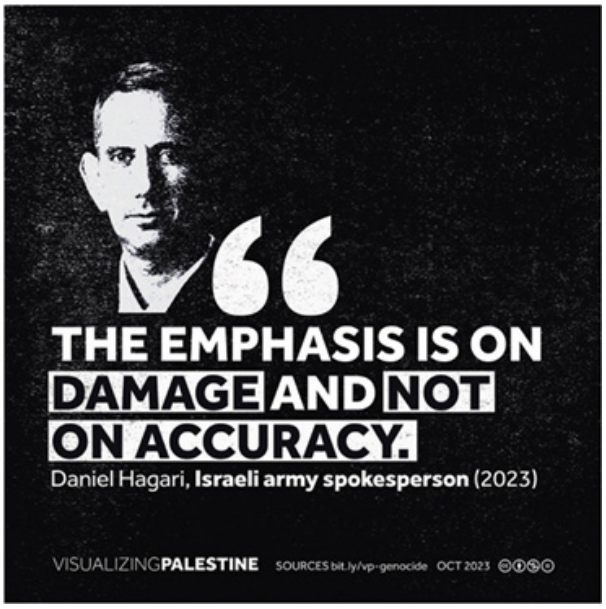
THE EMPHASIS IS ON DAMAGE AND NOT ON ACCURACY.
Daniel Hagari, Israeli army spokesperson (2023)
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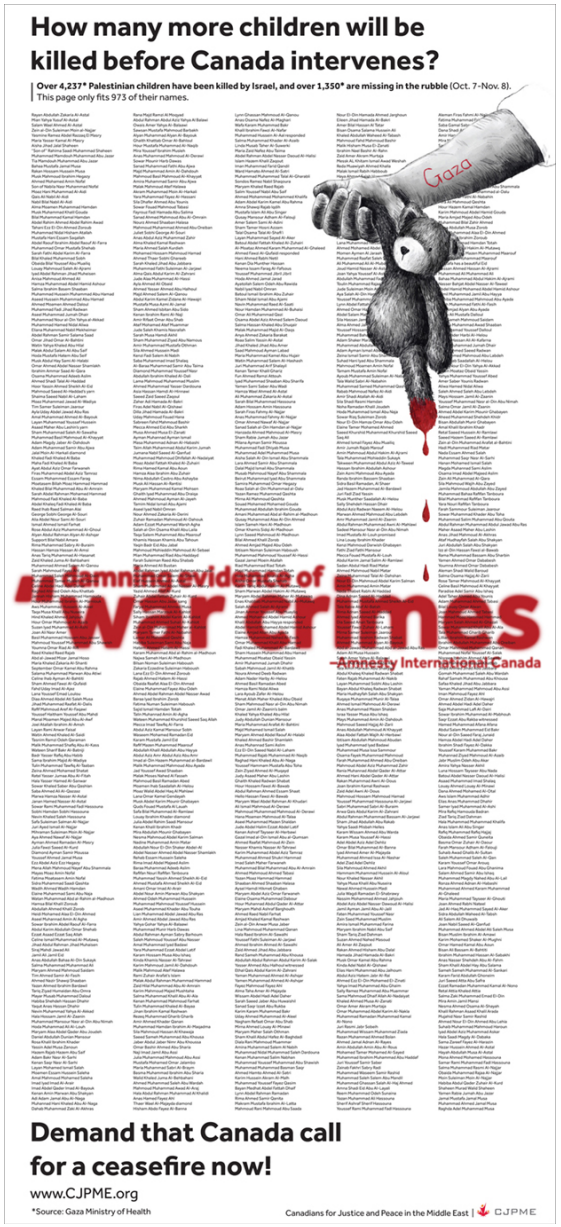
How many more children will be killed before Canada intervenes?
Over 4,237* Palestinian children have been killed by Israel, and over 1,350* are missing in the rubble (Oct. 7-Nov. 8). This page only fits 973 of their names.
Gaza
damning evidence of war crimes
Amnesty International Canada
Demand that Canada call for a ceasefire now!
www.CJPME.org
*Source: Gaza Ministry of Health
Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East | CJPME

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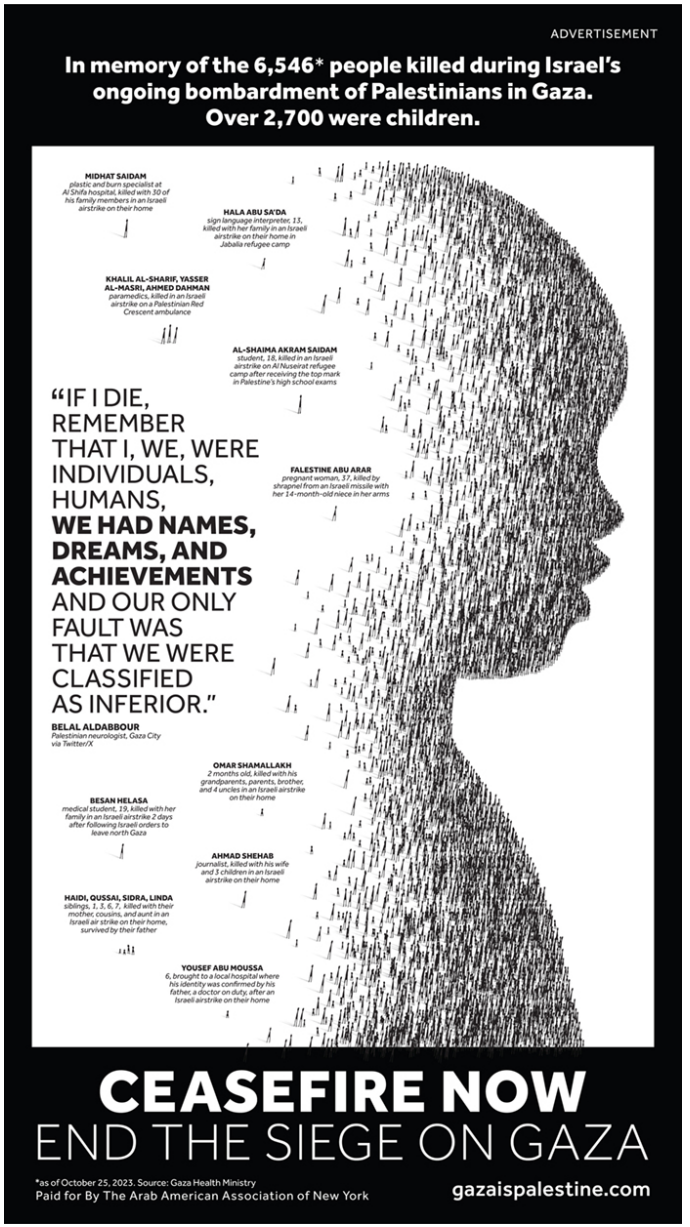
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In memory of the 6,546* people killed during Israel's ongoing bombardment of Palestinians in Gaza. Over 2,700 were children.
MIDHAT SAIDAM
plastic and burn specialist at Al Shifa hospital, killed with 10 of his family members in an Israeli airstrike on their home
HALA ABU SA'DA
sign language interpreter, 13, killed with her family in an Israeli airstrike on their home in Jabalia refugee camp
KHALIL AL-SHARIF, YASSER AL-MASRI, AHMED DAHMAN
paramedics, killed in an Israeli airstrike on a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance
AL-SHAIMA AKRAM SAIDAM
student, 18, killed in an Israeli airstrike on Al Nuseirat refugee camp after receiving the top mark in Palestine's high school exams
"IF I DIE, REMEMBER THAT I, WE, WERE INDIVIDUALS, HUMANS, WE HAD NAMES, DREAMS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUR ONLY FAULT WAS THAT WE WERE CLASSIFIED AS INFERIOR."
BELAL ALDABBOUR
Palestinian neurologist, Gaza City via Twitter/X
FALESTINE ABU ARAR
pregnant woman, 17, killed by shrapnel from an Israeli missile with her 14-month-old niece in her arms
OMAR SHAMALLAKH
2 months old, killed with his grandparents, parents, brother, and 4 uncles in an Israeli airstrike on their home
BESAN HELASA
medical student, 19, killed with her family in an Israeli airstrike 2 days after following Israeli orders to leave north Gaza
AHMAD SHEHAB
journalist, killed with his wife and 3 children in an Israeli airstrike on their home
HAIDI, QUSSAI, SIDRA, LINDA
siblings, 1, 3, 6, 7, killed with their mother, cousins, and aunt in an Israeli air strike on their home, survived by their father
YOUSEF ABU MOUSSA
6, brought to a local hospital where his identity was confirmed by his father, a doctor on duty, after an Israeli airstrike on their home
CEASEFIRE NOW
END THE SIEGE ON GAZA
*as of October 25, 2023. Source: Gaza Health Ministry
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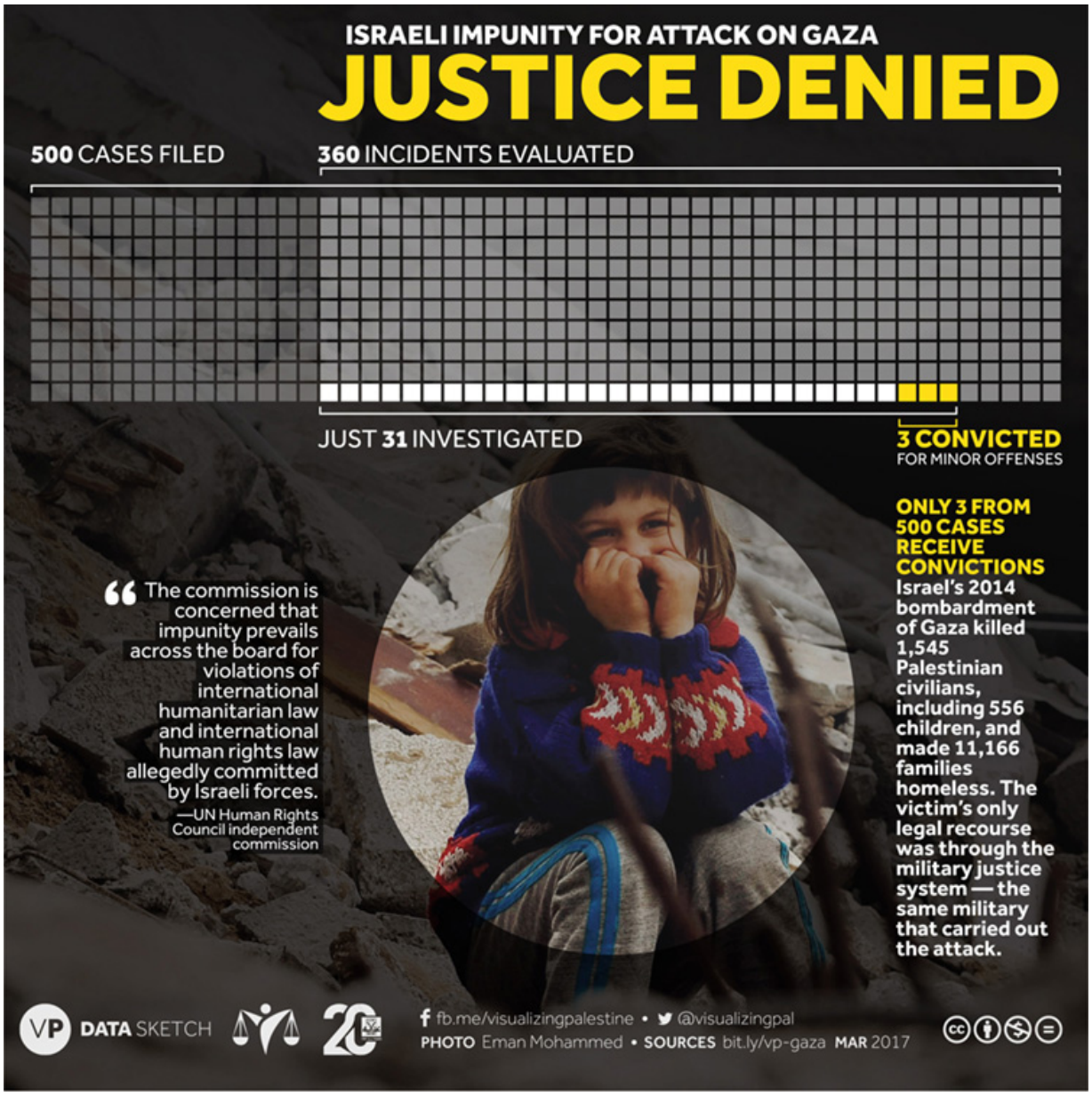
ISRAELI IMPUNITY FOR ATTACK ON GAZA
JUSTICE DENIED
500 CASES FILED
360 INCIDENTS EVALUATED
JUST 31 INVESTIGATED
3 CONVICTED
FOR MINOR OFFENSES
“The commission is concerned that impunity prevails across the board for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law allegedly committed by Israeli forces.
—UN Human Rights Council independent commission
ONLY 3 FROM 500 CASES RECEIVE CONVICTIONS
Israel’s 2014 bombardment of Gaza killed 1,545 Palestinian civilians, including 556 children, and made 11,166 families homeless. The victim’s only legal recourse was through the military justice system — the same military that carried out the attack.
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THE ISRAELI GUIDE TO OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

1 RIG THE SYSTEM

Israel's 2014 bombardment of Gaza killed 1,545 Palestinian civilians, including 556 children, and made 11,166 families homeless. The victim's only legal recourse was through the military justice system — the same military that carried out the attack.

2 OBSCURE THE PROCESS

International standards call for investigations that are

1 Independent
2 Impartial
3 Effective
4 Prompt and
5 Transparent

In contrast, Israel's judicial system for Palestinians is run by the military itself and is often a slow, complex and opaque process.

3 MAKE TOKEN CONVICTIONS

Until August 2016, there were just 3 token convictions of soldiers for minor crimes. It is clear that the system will not hold to account the politicians and generals responsible for the massive civilian losses.

3
CONVICTIONS
FOR MINOR CRIMES

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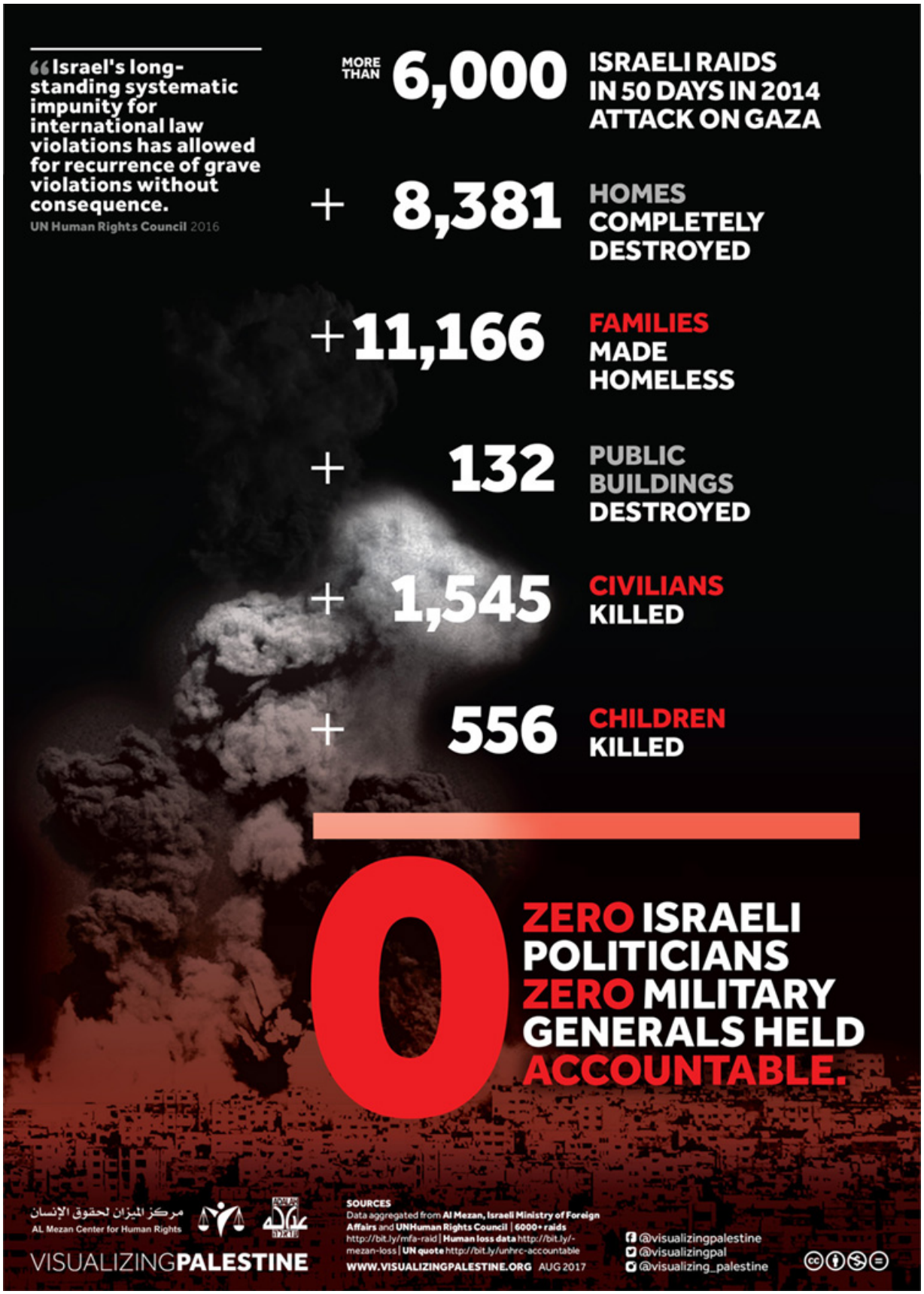
"Israel's long-standing systematic impunity for international law violations has allowed for recurrence of grave violations without consequence.
UN Human Rights Council 2016
MORE THAN 6,000 ISRAELI RAIDS IN 50 DAYS IN 2014 ATTACK ON GAZA
+ 8,381 HOMES COMPLETELY DESTROYED
+11,166 FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS
+ 132 PUBLIC BUILDINGS DESTROYED
+ 1,545 CIVILIANS KILLED
+ 556 CHILDREN KILLED
0 ZERO ISRAELI POLITICIANS ZERO MILITARY GENERALS HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
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AL Mezan Center for Human Rights
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SOURCES
Data aggregated from Al Mezan, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNHuman Rights Council | 6000+ raids http://bit.ly/mfa-raid | Human loss data http://bit.ly/-mezan-loss | UN quote http://bit.ly/unhrc-accountable
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6. ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

Visuals in this section: Undrinkable | Gaza Water Confined and Contaminated | Gaza Water 2023 | Salinity | Not Enough Water in the West Bank? | Israeli Restrictions Affect Every Item on This Table | Uprooted | Between a Rising Tide and Apartheid | Green Colonialism | Toxic Occupation | Colonial Extraction | No War, No Warming

“The Israeli state has long coated its nation-building project in a green veneer … in this context trees, specifically, have been among the most potent weapons of land grabbing and occupation.

—Naomi Klein, “Let Them Drown: The Violence of Othering in a Warming World” in London Review of Books *(2016)*

“[Z]a’atar and ‘akkoub end up encompassing the Nakba, the Palestinian catastrophe. The plants tell the story of the Palestinian person who loses control over the smallest details of her life and connection to the land, who is suddenly subjected to the violence of the law and the criminalization of the Israeli legal system.

—Rabea Eghbariah, “Jumana Manna and Rabea Eghbariah in Conversation,” MoMA PS1 (2022)

In January 2022, a new year in Palestine dawned with severe flooding in Gaza.[1] Scenes of submerged cars, evacuated homes, and children wading through rainwater mixed with sewage on their way to school added an extra layer of meaning to Naomi Klein’s headline “Let Them Drown,” an ecological justice piece that connects the climate crisis to colonialism and militarism around the world.[2] Climate change is impacting rainfall patterns in Palestine, making winter flash floods more frequent and severe every year. Gaza is just one of many places around the world where the poor and oppressed languish in flood zones while those in power stake out higher ground.

Some of the worst-affected neighborhoods of Gaza were those that had been repeatedly bombarded by Israeli forces, underscoring that events miscategorized as “natural” disasters might not be so disastrous if not for deliberate human actions—the choice to blockade millions of people in a

tiny strip of land and pummel their civilian infrastructure every few years, for example. Ecological justice, and the related climate justice movement, are powerful frameworks for understanding that, although rain does not have an opinion on the value of Palestinian life, the government of Israel does.

While climate scientists calculate and recalculate humanity's ever-narrowing window to stop our planet from becoming unlivable, Gaza had already reached that point even before 2023, when the Israeli military launched its campaign of unprecedented destruction there.[3] A major reason for this, as we depict in **Undrinkable,** is contaminated drinking water. **Gaza Water Confined and Contaminated,** a visual we first published in 2012 and updated a decade later with even more dire figures, explains why 97 percent of water in Gaza is unfit for human consumption.[4] After Israeli authorities blocked all water, food, and fuel from entering Gaza on October 9, 2023, the water situation in Gaza became catastrophic, as we show in **Gaza Water 2023** and **Salinity.** Israel denies Palestinians the right to water not just in Gaza, but also in the West Bank. **Not Enough Water in the West Bank?** shows that Israeli settlers consume four times more water per capita than Palestinians.[5]

In 1921, a British census found that 80 percent of Palestinians depended on agriculture for their livelihoods.[6] Today, millions of Palestinians living under Israeli rule experience food insecurity, a product of being systematically severed from their land. **Israeli Restrictions Affect Every Item on This Table** tells the story of Israeli repression through the framework of food sovereignty, a call from the international peasants' movement for the transformation of food systems to address the root causes of food insecurity and prioritize life over profit.

About half of the cultivated land in the West Bank and Gaza is planted with olive trees, with tens of thousands of Palestinian families relying on the olive harvest.[7] Olive trees are frequently the target of destruction by the Israeli military or settlers. To put the scale of this destruction into perspective, we created **Uprooted,** which compares the number of olive

trees uprooted in Palestine to the number of trees in New York City's Central Park. This visual has also prompted conversation about the widespread use of parks to uproot Indigenous peoples and other communities. Underneath Central Park lies the ruins of Seneca Village, the first free Black community in New York City, and underneath many Israeli parks lie the ruins of Palestinian villages.

At the same time that Gaza was underwater in January 2022, Palestinian Bedouin communities in the Naqab were protesting Israel's destruction of their villages to make way for the creation of a forest.[8] As this was unfolding, we released a series of visuals exploring how concepts from the ecological justice movement apply to the Palestinian context: **Between a Rising Tide and Apartheid, Green Colonialism, Toxic Occupation,** and **Colonial Extraction.** To protect the Earth and all its living systems, we must act in solidarity with the communities most impacted by the destructive forces of colonialism, militarism, and exploitative capitalism, including Palestinians.

In 1995, the United Nations hosted its first climate Conference of Parties (COP) in Berlin. As concern about climate change becomes more urgent, a growing spotlight has been fixed on the large platform COP provides for governments and corporations, which they often use to greenwash harms caused by their policies and champion false solutions to climate change. A record number of oil executives attended COP27 in Egypt in 2022, while outside the venue, climate justice activists wore white in solidarity with sixty thousand Egyptian political prisoners.[9] The Israeli delegation was one of the largest in attendance at COP27 and spent $1.4 million on a pavilion to market itself as a green country, despite it being a major military exporter and the top recipient of US military funding.[10] Inspired by grassroots groups' efforts to highlight militarism and military emissions—an issue long excluded from the COP agenda—we created **No War, No Warming** for COP27 and updated it for COP28, which coincided with the genocide in Gaza and took place in the oil state of the United Arab Emirates.

This body of work on ecological justice is an example of intersectionality—one of the core principles we thread through Visualizing Palestine's work. We believe that all forms of oppression are intertwined at the root and that reciprocal solidarity between communities widens the path toward collective liberation.

UNDRINKABLE.

97%
OF GAZA'S WATER IS CONTAMINATED
DUE TO ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE AND MILITARY OCCUPATION

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SOURCE United Nations Environment Programme. *State of Environment and Outlook Report for the oPt 2020*. 2020.
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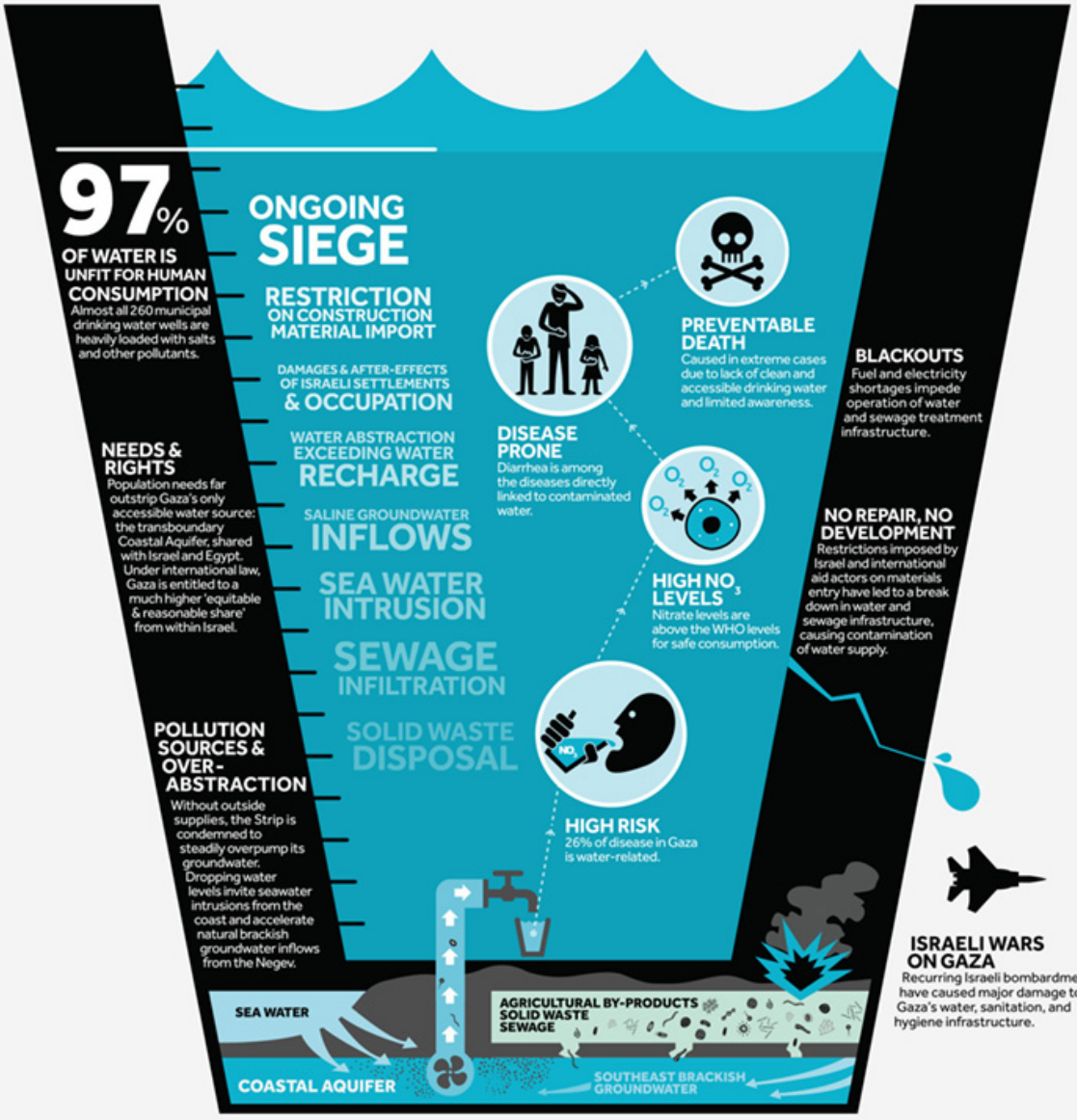
GAZA WATER
CONFINED & CONTAMINATED


97%
OF WATER IS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION
Almost all 260 municipal drinking water wells are heavily loaded with salts and other pollutants.
ONGOING SIEGE
RESTRICTION ON CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL IMPORT
DAMAGES & AFTER-EFFECTS OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS & OCCUPATION
WATER ABSTRACTION EXCEEDING WATER RECHARGE
SALINE GROUNDWATER INFLOWS
SEA WATER INTRUSION
SEWAGE INFILTRATION
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
NEEDS & RIGHTS
Population needs far outstrip Gaza's only accessible water source: the transboundary Coastal Aquifer, shared with Israel and Egypt. Under international law, Gaza is entitled to a much higher 'equitable & reasonable share' from within Israel.
POLLUTION SOURCES & OVER-ABSTRACTION
Without outside supplies, the Strip is condemned to steadily overpump its groundwater. Dropping water levels invite seawater intrusions from the coast and accelerate natural brackish groundwater inflows from the Negev.
DISEASE PRONE
Diarrhea is among the diseases directly linked to contaminated water.
PREVENTABLE DEATH
Caused in extreme cases due to lack of clean and accessible drinking water and limited awareness.
HIGH NO_3 LEVELS
Nitrate levels are above the WHO levels for safe consumption.
HIGH RISK
26% of disease in Gaza is water-related.
BLACKOUTS
Fuel and electricity shortages impede operation of water and sewage treatment infrastructure.
NO REPAIR, NO DEVELOPMENT
Restrictions imposed by Israel and international aid actors on materials entry have led to a break down in water and sewage infrastructure, causing contamination of water supply.
ISRAELI WARS ON GAZA
Recurring Israeli bombardments have caused major damage to Gaza's water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure.
SEA WATER
AGRICULTURAL BY-PRODUCTS
SOLID WASTE
SEWAGE
COASTAL AQUIFER
SOUTHEAST BRACKISH GROUNDWATER

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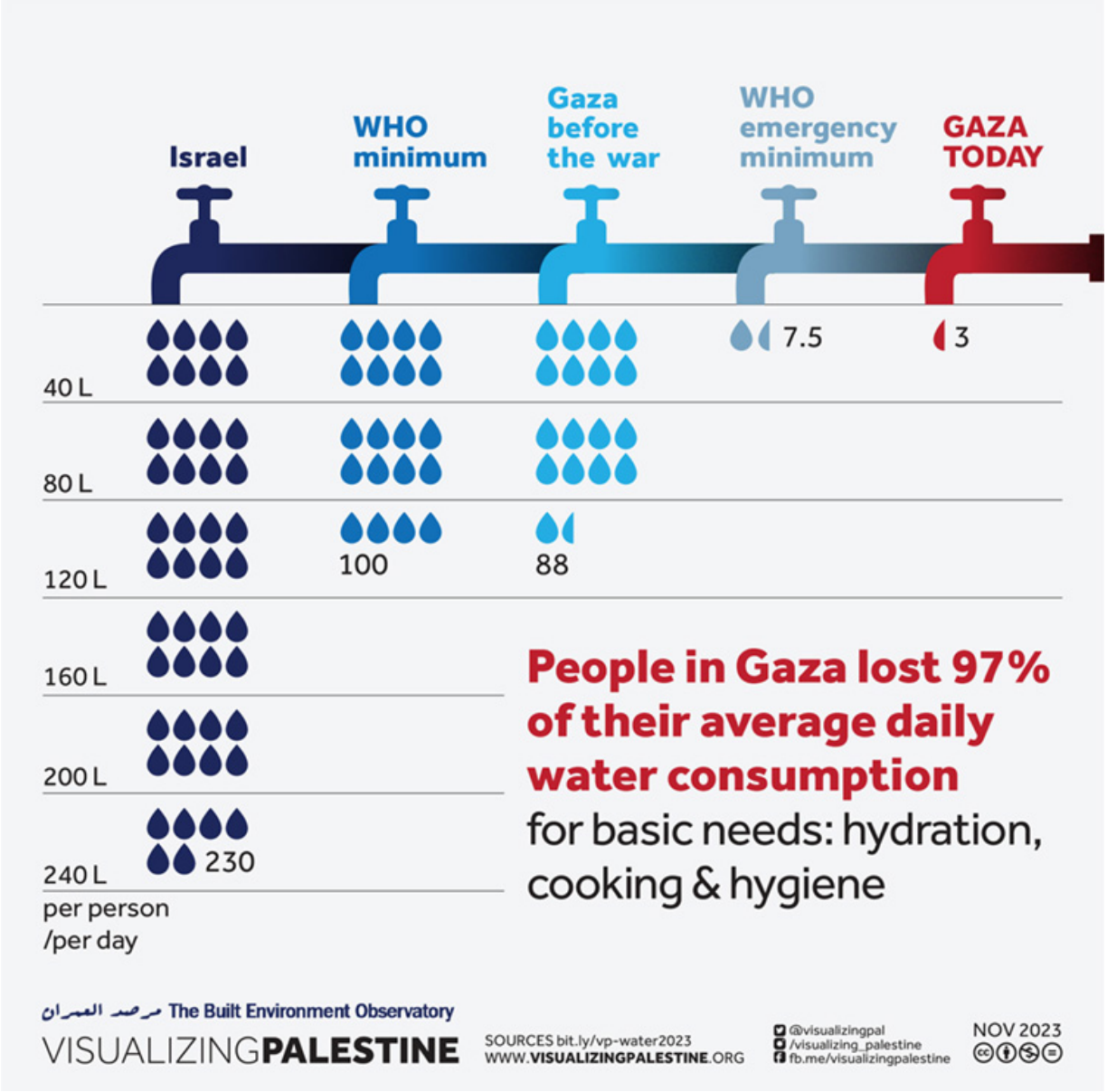

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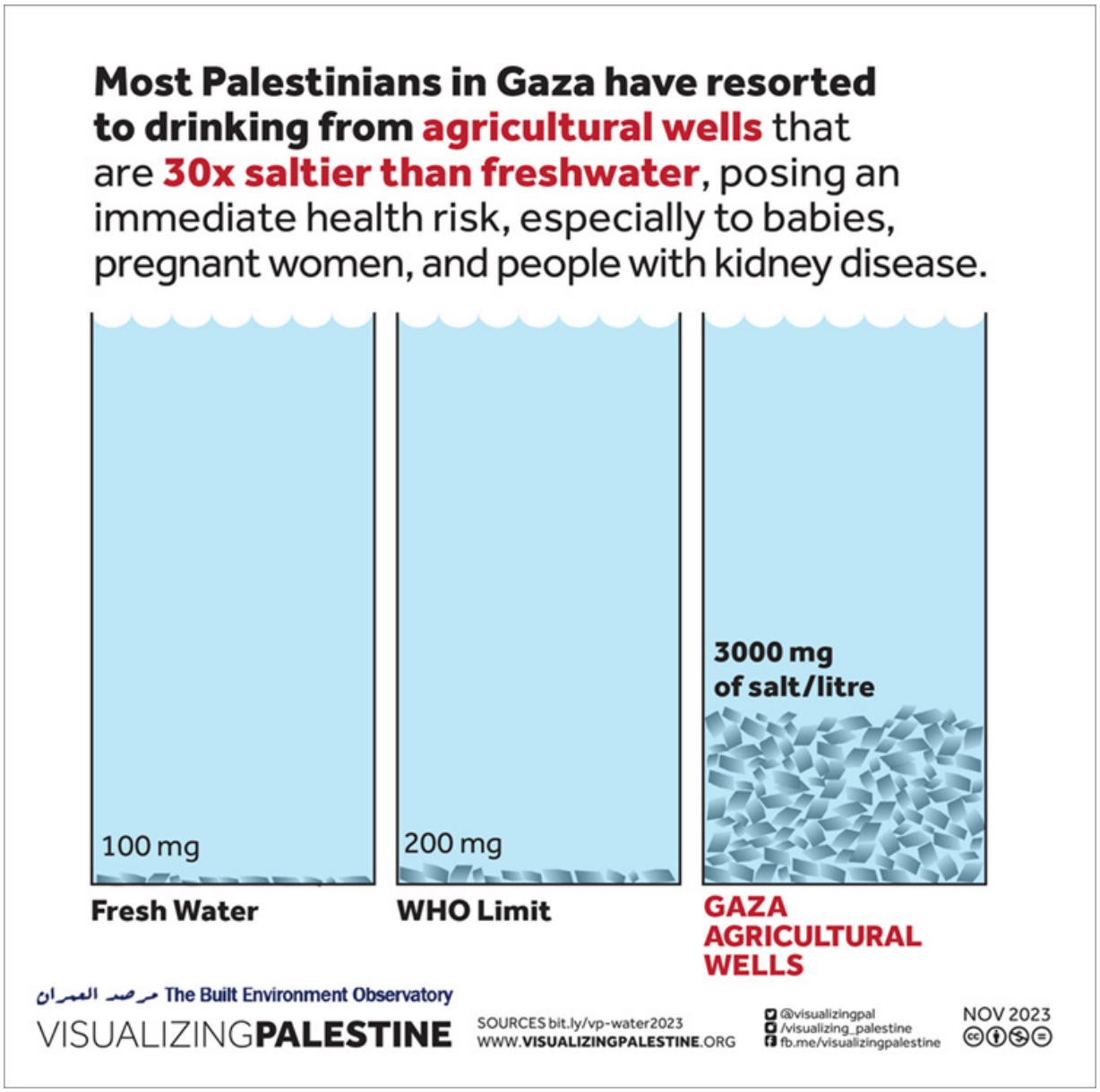
Most Palestinians in Gaza have resorted to drinking from agricultural wells that are 30x saltier than freshwater, posing an immediate health risk, especially to babies, pregnant women, and people with kidney disease.
100 mg
Fresh Water
200 mg
WHO Limit
3000 mg of salt/litre
GAZA AGRICULTURAL WELLS
مرصد العمران The Built Environment Observatory
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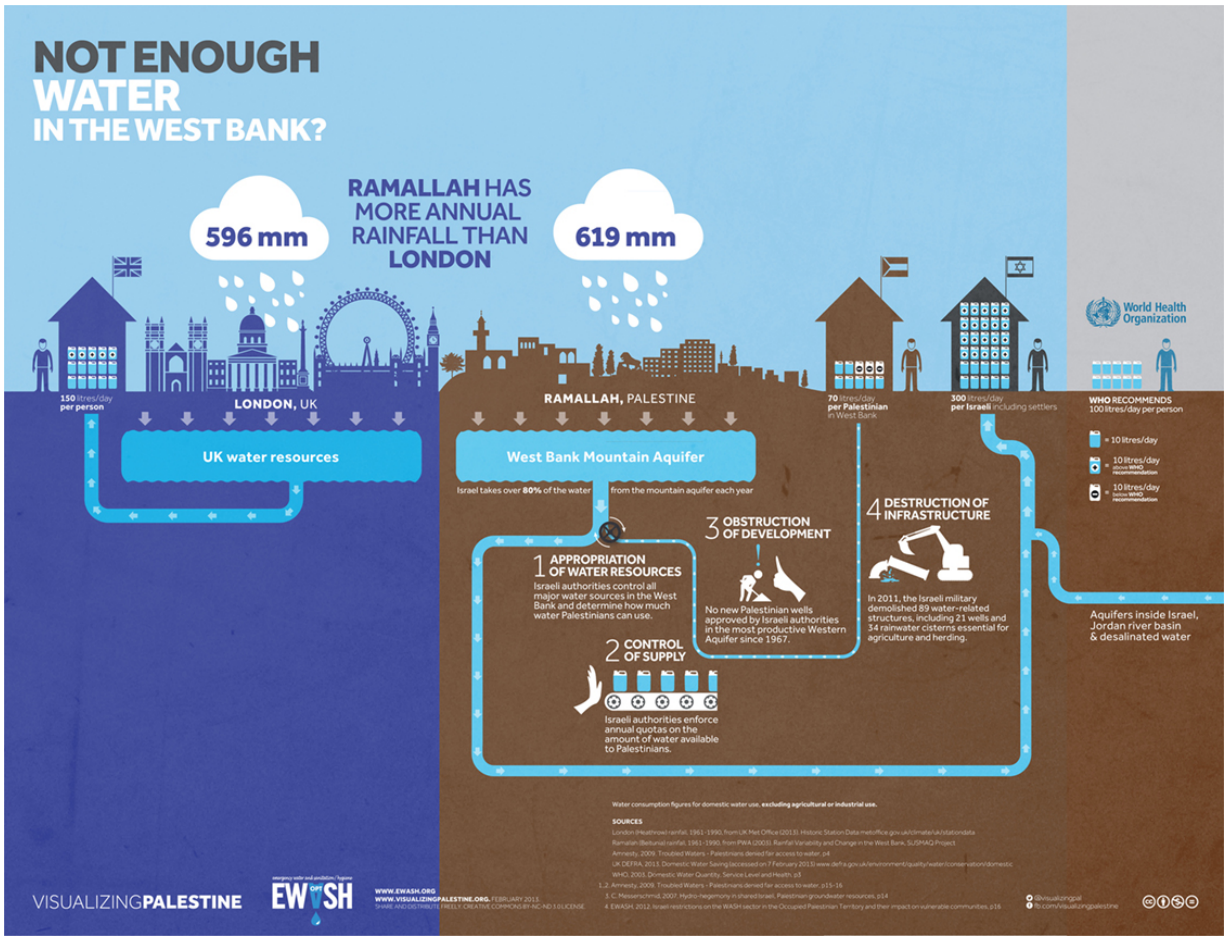
NOT ENOUGH WATER IN THE WEST BANK?
RAMALLAH HAS MORE ANNUAL RAINFALL THAN LONDON
596 mm
619 mm
LONDON, UK
150 litres/day per person
UK water resources
RAMALLAH, PALESTINE
West Bank Mountain Aquifer
Israel takes over 80% of the water from the mountain aquifer each year
70 litres/day per Palestinian in West Bank
300 litres/day per Israeli including settlers
World Health Organization
WHO RECOMMENDS 100 litres/day per person
= 10 litres/day
10 litres/day above WHO recommendation
10 litres/day below WHO recommendation
1 APPROPRIATION OF WATER RESOURCES
Israeli authorities control all major water sources in the West Bank and determine how much water Palestinians can use.
2 CONTROL OF SUPPLY
Israeli authorities enforce annual quotas on the amount of water available to Palestinians.
3 OBSTRUCTION OF DEVELOPMENT
No new Palestinian wells approved by Israeli authorities in the most productive Western Aquifer since 1967.
4 DESTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE
In 2011, the Israeli military demolished 89 water-related structures, including 21 wells and 34 rainwater cisterns essential for agriculture and herding.
Aquifers inside Israel, Jordan river basin & desalinated water
Water consumption figures for domestic water use, excluding agricultural or industrial use.
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ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AFFECT EVERY ITEM ON THIS TABLE

WATER
Israel controls West Bank water and routinely demolishes water infrastructure; Gaza water 97% contaminated

BLACK GOATS
Banned, seized, and slaughtered, 1950-2017, decimating subsistence base of Bedouin communities

MILK, EGGS
Israeli quota system restricts market share of Palestinian farmers in Israel (1948 territory); Israeli products dominate market in West Bank & Gaza

FISH
2,265 attacks by the Israeli navy on fishers in Gaza's restricted fishing zone, 2007-2021

ZA'ATAR, SAGE, 'AKOUB
Foraging banned; fines or prison time imposed

GRAPES, EGGPLANTS, TOMATOES, ONIONS
In West Bank, subject to restrictive military orders since 1980s; discriminatory policies harm farmers' ability to compete with produce from illegal Israeli settlements

TOMATOES, STRAWBERRIES
Israel controls all imports and exports; restricts Gaza produce from reaching markets

VEGETABLES
35% of Gaza farmland is inaccessible; 13,000 dunums damaged by herbicides

OLIVES
Up to 1 million olive trees uprooted by Israeli military since 1967; in 2021 settlers vandalized or stole harvest from 1,600 trees

MUSHROOMS
By holding up essential imports and charging port storage fees, Israel shut down a Palestinian mushroom farm in 2016

WHEAT, MILLET, BARLEY
Israeli-controlled imports are overtaking locally adapted varieties and reducing biodiversity

THE COLONIZATION OF PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURE

Under Israel's system of apartheid, Palestinian food producers face **expropriation of their land, forced displacement, denial of the right to water, denial of freedom of movement, attacks by Israeli military forces and settlers, and restricted access to markets**, leading to food insecurity and the destruction of generations of Palestinian agricultural heritage in the Fertile Crescent.

WHAT IS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY?

Food sovereignty, a pillar of environmental justice, is the **right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems**. Food sovereignty is key to ending hunger, food insecurity, poverty, and environmental harms perpetuated by colonialism and industrialized agriculture.

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UPROOTED.
SINCE 1967 ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE UPROOTED 800,000 PALESTINIAN OLIVE TREES, EQUAL TO 33 CENTRAL PARKS.
$ 12.3 MILLION LOST INCOME EACH YEAR TO 80,000 PALESTINIAN FAMILIES WHO RELY ECONOMICALLY ON THE OLIVE HARVEST.
800,000
TREES UPROOTED
33x
CENTRAL PARK
$12.3M
ANNUAL LOSS
80,000
FAMILIES AFFECTED
SOURCES | 800,000 olive trees uprooted: Oxfam, 2011. Olive Harvest Factsheet, p2 | 24,000 trees in Central Park: Central Park, 2013. 'Official Website, Frequently Asked Questions (accessed 31 May 2013) | $12.3million loss = 10% of potential peak year income from the 8 million remaining trees in West Bank and Gaza (UN OCHA, 2012. Olive Harvest Factsheet & UNDP, 2008. The Olive Harvest in the West Bank & Gaza Strip) | 80,000 families rely economically on olive harvest: UN OCHA, 2012. Olive Harvest Factsheet
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BETWEEN A RISING TIDE & APARTHEID
PALESTINIAN CLIMATE VULNERABILITY
CLIMATE VULNERABILITY
is the susceptibility of people or systems to harm by climate hazards. Climate change impacts all of us, but communities experiencing systemic injustice bear a disproportionate burden and have less power to cope or adapt.
IN PALESTINE
Palestinians face increased exposure to climate-related hazards—such as water scarcity, food insecurity, and displacement—as a result of Israeli military occupation, according to the United Nations Development Programme.
THREAT
Palestinians are native to a region where temperatures are projected to continue rising faster than the global average.
CLIMATE PROJECTIONS BY 2100, IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES:
WARMING +4.8°C BY 2100
SEA LEVEL RISE 38 CM–1 M
LESS RAINFALL ↓8-10 MM (↓22%) AVG. MONTHLY PRECIPITATION
x
VULNERABILITY
Israeli policy causes Palestinian displacement, fragmentation, and de-development.
APARTHEID & MILITARY OCCUPATION: SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS BY ISRAEL
97% OF GAZA WATER UNDRINKABLE
85% OF WEST BANK WATER RESOURCES ARE CONTROLLED BY ISRAEL
69% OF GAZA & 33% OF WEST BANK HOUSEHOLDS ARE FOOD INSECURE
=
RISK
Climate apartheid, or a future where the risks of climate change amplify existing injustices affecting millions of Palestinians.
PALESTINIANS FACE INCREASED RISKS OF:
FOOD & WATER INSECURITY
LAND & SOIL DEGRADATION
DESTRUCTION FROM EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS I.E. FLOODING, FOREST FIRES, HEAT WAVES
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GREEN COLONIALISM
ISRAELI PARKS THAT ERASE AND DISPLACE
GREEN COLONIALISM
describes how some organizations, policies, or programs harm the land and rights of Indigenous peoples in the name of environmental protection or climate change mitigation, reinforcing colonial legacies.
IN PALESTINE
Israel uses parks, nature reserves, and forests to conceal the ruins of depopulated Palestinian villages, appropriate land, and curtail Palestinian access and development.
NON-NATIVE FLORA
Only 11% of trees in Israeli forests are indigenous species due to Zionist groups planting vast areas of non-native trees
UNEQUAL ACCESS
The wall and Israeli policies restrict some Palestinians from access to nearby green spaces
ERASURE
182 Palestinian villages depopulated by Israel are concealed in Israeli parks & forests, preventing refugees from returning
GREENWASHING
Some Israeli organizations use environmental projects to cultivate a positive global image, while displacing and discriminating against Palestinians
RESTRICTED DEVELOPMENT
Israeli-controlled parks block Palestinian development plans and marginalize the Palestinian tourism sector
Depopulated Palestinian villages within Israel Nature and Parks Authority reserves & parks
Depopulated Palestinian villages within Jewish National Fund forests & parks
Depopulated Palestinian villages within other tourist sites or hiking trails
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TOXIC OCCUPATION
ISRAELI WASTE IN THE WEST BANK
ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM
We all produce waste, but not all of us have to live with it. Environmental racism describes how governments and corporations tend to dump environmental hazards—like waste—on communities that experience racial injustice, reflecting and reinforcing systemic racism.
IN PALESTINE
Israel exploits the West Bank to dump and process its waste. Under occupation, Palestinians are inundated in waste, which has become a symbol of how the Israeli system views Palestinians themselves: as disposable.
HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSFER
15 Israeli waste facilities in the West Bank process waste—including hazardous waste—transported from Israel, in violation of international law
LACK OF REGULATORY SUPERVISION
Israel applies less rigorous environmental regulations to settlement industrial zones in the West Bank
Israeli Settlement Industrial Zones
Segregated Roads: Palestinians with West Bank IDs Prohibited
Israeli Settlements and Outposts
SEWAGE SLUDGE COMPANY
USED OIL WASTE COMPANY
ELECTRONIC WASTE COMPANY
CHEMICAL SOLVENT WASTE COMPANY
CONSTRUCTION WASTE COMPANY
SOLID WASTE
647,800 Israeli settlers produce 2x more solid waste per capita than Palestinians, most of which is dumped in West Bank landfills
WASTEWATER
Illegal Israeli settlements discharge 40 million cubic meters (mcm) per year of untreated wastewater onto Palestinian land
POOR INFRASTRUCTURE
Israel's control over permits in Area C (60% of the West Bank) prevents Palestinians from developing adequate waste infrastructure
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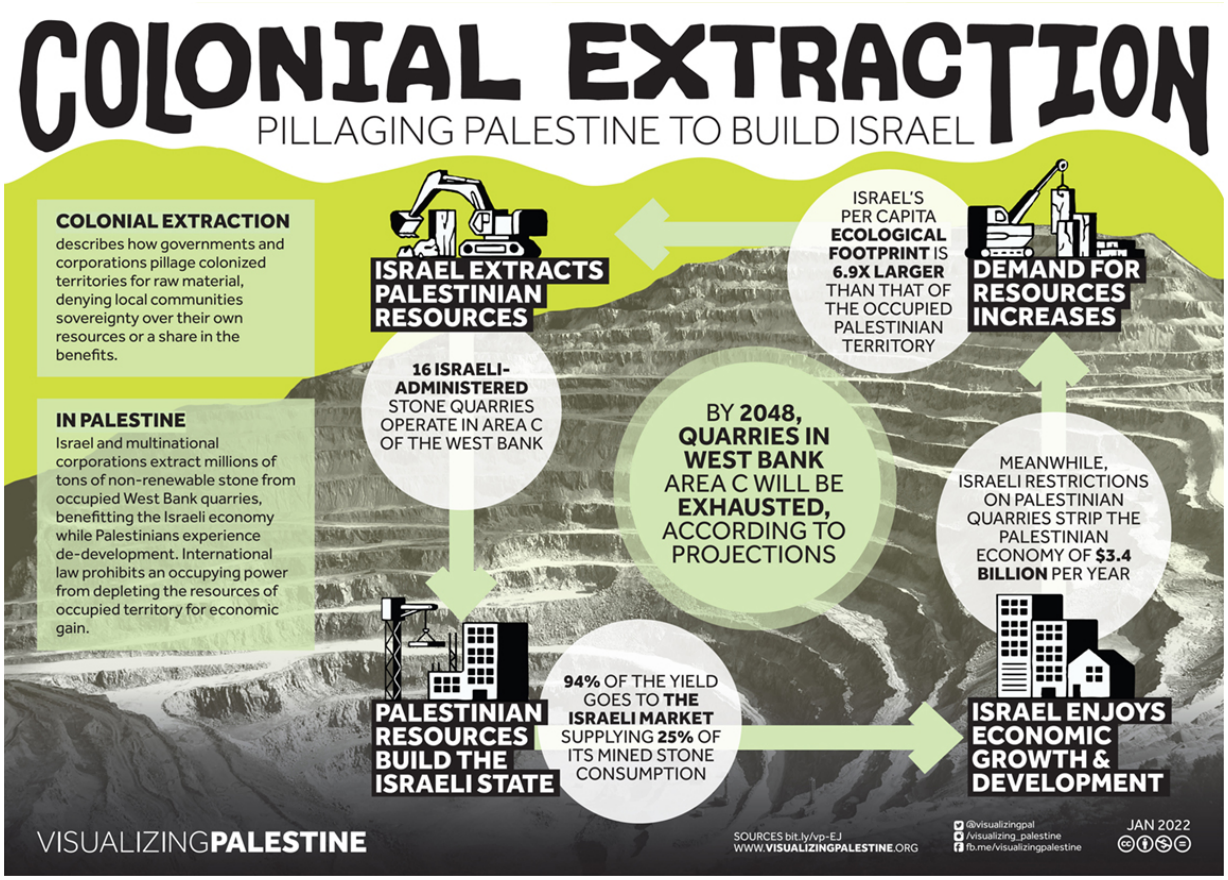
COLONIAL EXTRACTION
PILLAGING PALESTINE TO BUILD ISRAEL
COLONIAL EXTRACTION
describes how governments and corporations pillage colonized territories for raw material, denying local communities sovereignty over their own resources or a share in the benefits.
IN PALESTINE
Israel and multinational corporations extract millions of tons of non-renewable stone from occupied West Bank quarries, benefitting the Israeli economy while Palestinians experience de-development. International law prohibits an occupying power from depleting the resources of occupied territory for economic gain.
ISRAEL EXTRACTS PALESTINIAN RESOURCES
16 ISRAELI-ADMINISTERED STONE QUARRIES OPERATE IN AREA C OF THE WEST BANK
PALESTINIAN RESOURCES BUILD THE ISRAELI STATE
94% OF THE YIELD GOES TO THE ISRAELI MARKET SUPPLYING 25% OF ITS MINED STONE CONSUMPTION
ISRAEL ENJOYS ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
MEANWHILE, ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN QUARRIES STRIP THE PALESTINIAN ECONOMY OF $3.4 BILLION PER YEAR
DEMAND FOR RESOURCES INCREASES
ISRAEL'S PER CAPITA ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT IS 6.9X LARGER THAN THAT OF THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
BY 2048, QUARRIES IN WEST BANK AREA C WILL BE EXHAUSTED, ACCORDING TO PROJECTIONS
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NO WAR, NO WARMING
UNITED STATES MILITARY
#1
INSTITUTIONAL FOSSIL FUEL USER IN THE WORLD
84 billion barrels of oil purchased and 48 million tonnes of emissions in 2022. Stockpiles arms/equipment in Israel
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
#1
CUMULATIVE RECIPIENT OF U.S. FOREIGN FUNDING
($260 billion 1946–2023)
Higher military spending than the U.S. per capita or as a percentage of GDP
U.S. and Israeli militarism fuels
GENOCIDE AND ECOCIDE
GAZA 2023
6 ISRAELI BOMBARDMENTS since 2008
14,854 PEOPLE KILLED (Oct. 7–Nov. 22)
1.8 MILLION DISPLACED
60% OF HOUSING DAMAGED/DESTROYED polluting air/land with toxic dust/rubble
RAW SEWAGE running into the streets and sea
FARMLAND BOMBED and contaminated by explosive weapons
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7. POLITICAL PRISONERS

Visuals in this section: A Guide to Administrative Detention | Hunger Strikes | History Repeats Itself | Child Prisoners | Ahed Tamimi

“From the depths of my agony, I reached out and embraced the sky of our homeland through the window of my prison cell in Damon Prison, Haifa. Worry not, my child. I stand tall and steadfast, despite the shackles and the jailer. I am a mother in sorrow, from yearning to see you one last time.

—Khalida Jarrar, letter from Damon Prison on the death of her daughter (2021)

“I hereby assert that I am confronting the occupiers not for my own sake as an individual, but for the sake of thousands of prisoners who are being deprived of their simplest human rights … I starve myself for you to remain. I die for you to live.

—Khader Adnan, letter from his hospital bed (2012)

After the mass arrests of the First and Second Intifadas, the Palestinian prisoner support group Addameer estimated that the equivalent of 40 percent of the Palestinian adult male population in the West Bank and Gaza had been imprisoned at some point since 1967.[1] The Israeli government uses administrative detention—meaning, incarceration without charge or trial—against Palestinians to try and subdue them and suppress resistance against settler colonialism and apartheid. At any given time, Israel holds hundreds or thousands of Palestinians under administrative detention for periods ranging from six months to several years. **A Guide to Administrative Detention** highlights some of the human rights violations detainees experience in Israeli prisons. **Hunger Strikes** is the first visual we published in 2012. It sheds light on the power of hunger strikes as a form of civil resistance frequently used by Palestinian political prisoners, who have no other means to protest Israel’s unjust system of detention.

Much like the Israeli government, the apartheid regime in South Africa used administrative detention to try to break resistance. Almost twenty-

three years before we released Hunger Strikes, hundreds of prisoners of the South African apartheid regime launched a hunger strike that is remembered as a pivotal event in the timeline of resistance to apartheid. In **History Repeats Itself,** we show how hunger strikes are a tactic of resistance that connects Palestinians and Black South Africans, informing an enduring politics of joint struggle.

The Israeli government operates two separate legal systems in the West Bank: civil law for Israelis and military law for Palestinians. In Israeli military courts, Palestinians are denied a fair trial and face a 99.7 percent conviction rate.[2] As **Child Prisoners** shows, this system also applies to children. Israel is the only country in the world that tries children in military courts, where between five hundred and seven hundred Palestinian children face trial annually.[3]

In 2018, Israel incarcerated sixteen-year-old **Ahed Tamimi,** who served eight months in prison after slapping an Israeli soldier who had trespassed into her family's yard.[4] One hour earlier, Ahed's fifteen-year-old cousin Mohammed Tamimi was shot in the face by an Israeli soldier, gravely injuring him. Ahed's story brought international attention to the extreme violence that Palestinian children endure at the hands of the Israeli government. Ahed's story is the story of millions of Palestinian children who experience the consequences of being born into life under Israeli military occupation. In a 2022 interview, Ahed describes her resistance as "a natural response to occupation—to reject it. Behind me are my mother and father who taught me to resist the occupier, and my grandmother … Behind me are the people all around me, the people I love, who I can lose in any minute. Behind me is an entire generation that I don't want to live through the same experience that I did."[5]

A GUIDE TO ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION
WHY AM I HERE?
As of September 2021, Israel was holding 520 Palestinians under administrative detention. Detainees are incarcerated without charge or trial.
WHAT DID I DO?
TOP SECRET
Most detainees are held on the basis of secret evidence', meaning that they have no way to know what they're accused of.
CAN I GET A LAWYER?
SORRY, I CAN'T HELP!
Israel has the power to bar access to a lawyer for up to 90 days. Even with access, the lawyer will still not be allowed to see secret evidence.
HOW LONG AM I HERE FOR?
Administrative detention orders last for a maximum of 6 months, but can be renewed indefinitely.
CAN I SEE MY FAMILY?
Israel often holds Palestinian detainees from the occupied territories in prisons inside Israel, which is illegal under international law. Family must obtain a special permit to visit, which Israeli authorities may deny without reason.
CAN THE RED CROSS HELP ME?
The Red Cross can visit, but will generally not publicly release information about your conditions.
WHAT IF I'M PREGNANT?
Some women have been forced to give birth in Israeli prisons, where medical negligence is a systemic issue.
I'M A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHAT ABOUT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY?
Israel routinely holds Palestinian political leaders under administrative detention.
I'M IN SOLITARY. MY HEALTH IS SUFFERING.
The duration of a Palestinian detainee's solitary confinement is approved by Israeli doctors. Physicians for Human Rights-Israel considers this complicity in human rights abuses.
WHAT CAN I DO?
HUNGER STRIKE
Palestinian detainees have held mass hunger strikes to protest administrative detention, poor conditions, and ill treatment in Israeli prisons.
I WAS DUE FOR RELEASE THIS WEEK...
BUT THEY RENEWED MY DETENTION FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS
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HUNGER STRIKES
DAY 1
HUNGER PANGS & STOMACH CRAMPS DISAPPEAR AFTER THE 2ND - 3RD DAY
DAY 7
NELSON MANDELA
PRISONERS STRIKE ENDS
DAY 14
"CATABOLYSIS" THE BODY STARTS TO BREAK DOWN MUSCLE TISSUE FOR SURVIVAL
DAY 15
LOSS OF THE SENSATION OF THIRST
"LIGHTHEADEDNESS" OR INVERSELY "MENTAL SLUGGISHNESS"
STANDING UP MAY BECOME DIFFICULT TO IMPOSSIBLE
SENSATION OF COLD
DAY 18
DAY 21
MAHATMA GANDHI ENDS HIS LONGEST STRIKE
DAY 22
LAILA SOUEIF ENDS HER 50DN HUNGER STRIKE FOR HER SON ALAA
DAY 26
200+ GUANTANAMO DETAINEES JOINED TO END THEIR STRIKE 1000
DAY 27
33 SOUTH AFRICAN DETAINEES ENDED THEIR STRIKE
DAY 28
18% WEIGHT LOSS
DAY 35
EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT SENSATIONS OF VERTIGO VOMITING
FAST, UNCONTROLLABLE MOVEMENTS OF THE EYES
DOUBLE VISION "DIPLOPIA"
DAY 42
INDIFFERENCE TO SURROUNDINGS. INCOHERENCE. CONCENTRATION BECOMES DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE
LOSS OF HEARING
POSSIBLE BLINDNESS
DAY 45
DEATH CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME DUE TO HEART FAILURE CARDIOVASCULAR COLLAPSE
DAY 66
BOBBY SANDS DIES IN PRISON
KHADER ADNAN OVER 2 MONTHS ON STRIKE NO CHARGE OR TRIAL
DAY 70
"WE ARE NOT IN SEARCH OF DEATH, WE ARE LOOKING FOR REAL LIFE."
June 1989, Tiananmen square hunger strike declaration
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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

1989

OVER
700
BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN PRISONERS MOUNT **HUNGER STRIKE** AGAINST APARTHEID REGIME FOR DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL

2012

OVER
2,400
PALESTINIAN PRISONERS MOUNT **HUNGER STRIKE** AGAINST ISRAELI MILITARY FOR DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL

SOURCES
Where the references do not use definitive numbers, VP has used conservative numbers, eg. 'some 800' detainees is reported here as 'over 700'. The numbers noted refer to a single mass hunger strike that happened in that year noting that there were numerous other individual and smaller group hunger strikes throughout the year.

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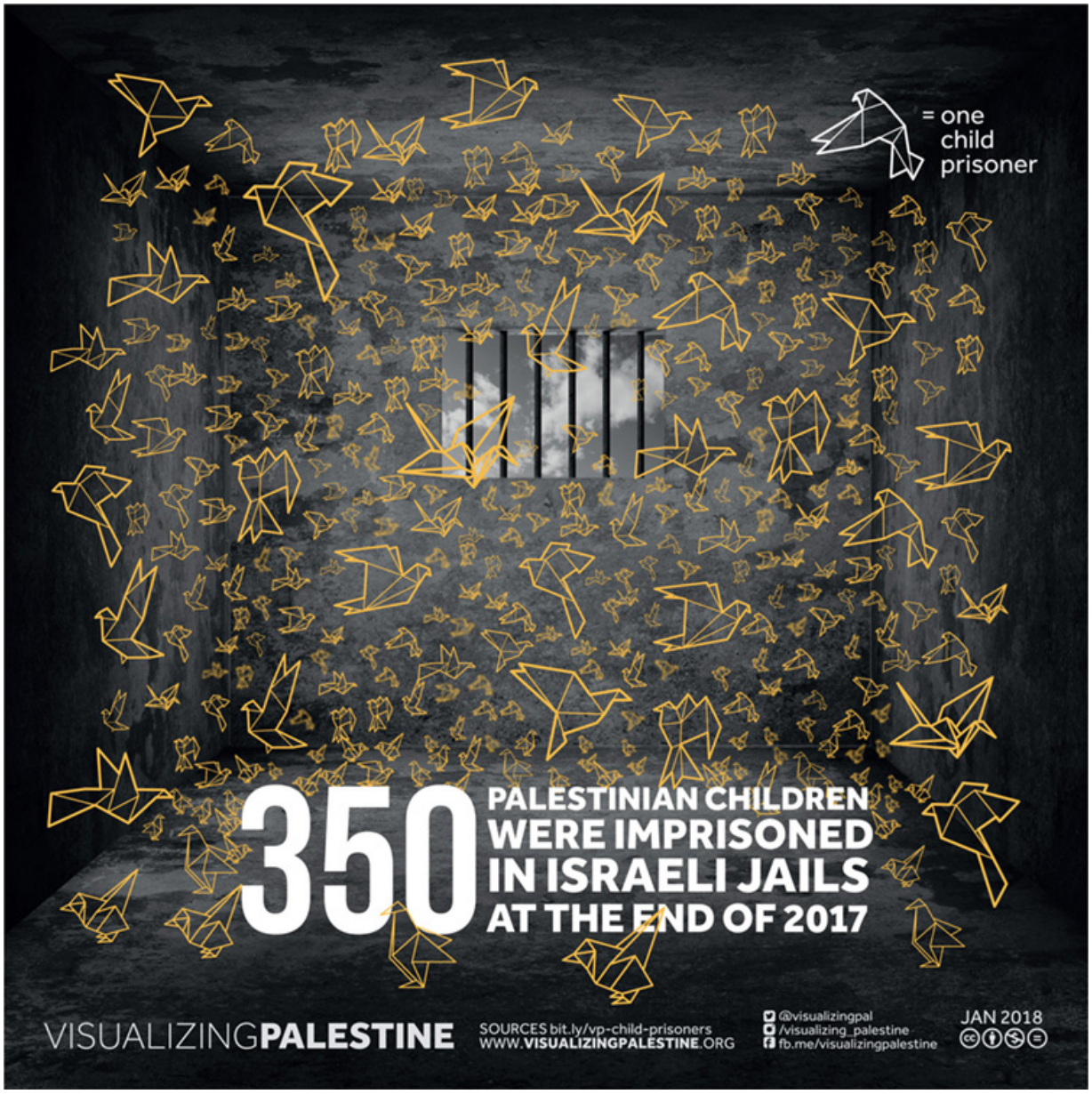

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OVER 8,000 PALESTINIAN CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED IN ISRAELI MILITARY COURTS SINCE 2000

> **"WE SHOULD EXTEND OUR STRUGGLES TO ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO END ALL OF THE WORLD'S INJUSTICES [...] I ENCOURAGE THOSE [WHO ARE OPPRESSED] TO CONTINUE THEIR RESISTANCE."**
>
> **Ahed Tamimi**

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8. A SYSTEM OF SILENCING

Visuals in this section: A System of Silencing | 5 Broken Cameras | The Use of Tear Gas on Protesters | Killing the Story | The Pegasus Effect | Inequity Offline, Censorship Online | Funder or Censor?

> **For we have been socialized to respect fear more than our own needs for language and definition. And while we wait in silence for that final luxury of fearlessness, the weight of that silence will choke us.**
>
> *—Audre Lorde, "The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action" (1977)*

> **Why do we give the authority of narration to those who have murdered and displaced us, when the scarcity of their guilty consciences means honesty is never guaranteed? Why do we wait for those carrying the batons to speak when our bruised bodies told the whole truth?**
>
> *—Mohammed El-Kurd, "The Right to Speak for Ourselves" in the* Nation *(2023)*

Palestinians have documented and described their lived experiences under Israeli settler colonialism for generations, yet their history and existence continue to be questioned at best and subject to erasure at worst. Palestinian intellectual Edward Said wrote that Palestinians are denied "permission to narrate" their reality.[1] When Palestinians are allowed to speak, it is often conditioned on their ability to fulfill the "perfect victim" role, as Palestinian poet and writer Mohammed El-Kurd observes.[2]

In **A System of Silencing** we depict the wide range of tactics and actors involved in censoring, criminalizing, and demonizing speech on Palestine or speech that is critical of Israel and Zionism. These tactics contribute to the erasure of Palestinian narratives and attempt to undermine organizing and solidarity.

Under Israeli Military Order 101, issued in 1967, Palestinian participation in a gathering of more than ten people on an issue "that could be construed

as political" requires a permit from the very Israeli military authorities that Palestinians gather to protest.[3] The order effectively constitutes a ban on protest, with violations punishable by a prison sentence of up to ten years. Israeli law also restricts Palestinian commemoration of the Nakba,[4] and in 2023, the Israeli minister of security Itamar Ben-Gvir instructed Israeli police to remove Palestinian flags from public places.[5]

Yet Palestinians refuse to be silenced, even when expression comes at a great cost. They continue to assert their right to exist, to pass down their history, to raise the Palestinian flag, to resist colonial oppression, and to tell their own stories. In **5 Broken Cameras:** Growing Up with the Bil'in Resistance, we chart the story of one Palestinian village's resistance against Israel's apartheid wall, based on a documentary film by the same name, which was nominated for an Academy Award in 2013.

Popular resistance is often met with a range of tactics that Israel uses to repress protest, including attacks by Israeli settlers (who are often accompanied by Israeli soldiers), indiscriminate military incursions, arrests, and the use of live ammunition, tear gas, and rubber-coated bullets on protesters. **The Use of Tear Gas on Protesters** offers a message of solidarity with all protesters of oppression around the world whose calls for justice are met with state violence and repression, including supposedly "less lethal" tactics such as tear gas. During Gaza's Great March of Return, at least seven Palestinian protesters were killed by tear gas canisters fired by Israeli forces directly into crowds of protesters.[6] No one has been held accountable for the murder of these protesters.

On May 11, 2022, a beloved Palestinian journalist for Al Jazeera, Shireen Abu Akleh, was shot dead by Israeli forces while covering their invasion of Jenin refugee camp.[7] She was clearly identifiable as a journalist by her press vest and helmet. One of the many images of Israeli brutality forever seared in the minds of Palestinians is that of Israeli police beating the pallbearers and mourners escorting Abu Akleh to her final resting place, events that were live streamed to the world by shocked Al Jazeera reporters. In **Killing the Story,** we point out that the lack of accountability for Abu

Akleh's murder is not an anomaly, but part of a pattern of Israeli impunity for the systemic targeting of journalists, many of whose names are commemorated in this visual. In late 2023, Israeli forces killed more journalists in two months than in the previous twenty-two years. The Committee to Protect Journalists described this as the "deadliest period for journalists" in their history of documenting such killings.[8]

Israel's violence toward journalists has global ramifications. In 2018, Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist critical of the Saudi government, was murdered at the Saudi consulate in Turkey.[9] An investigation by the *Washington Post* later discovered that his wife's phone was infected with Pegasus, a spyware developed by an Israeli company in the context of Israel's mass surveillance of Palestinians.[10] In **The Pegasus Effect,** we depict how Israeli cyber technologies are tested on Palestinians and then exported to governments around the world to suppress human rights defenders, journalists, and political opponents.

In recent years, social media has been a critical tool for Palestinians to bring awareness to human rights violations and talk about the everyday reality of Israeli apartheid. But social media companies are not neutral platforms, and they have adopted content-moderation policies that cause further harm to communities trying to address oppression, or find reprieve from it, on these platforms. The **Inequity Offline, Censorship Online** series explores how oppressed communities—often faced with persecution and violence offline—also face censorship on social media platforms, significantly compromising the potential of social media to benefit social justice movements.

Silencing comes not only from obvious harmful actors, but often from those claiming to support Palestinian civil society. Palestinian nonprofit workers are very familiar with practices that prevent them from using terms like "apartheid," "the Nakba," or "Israeli military occupation," even as they deliver programs intended to "empower" Palestinians. In **Funder or Censor?** we illustrate how international funding bodies cave to pressure from the Israeli government and their own governments to impose

politically motivated funding conditions that weaken the ability of Palestinian civil society to address the priorities of their communities, reinforcing the colonization of Palestinians.

As governments around the world share tactics to enforce silence and attack dissent, communities at the receiving end of state violence are making connections across struggles. As Martin Luther King Jr. wrote from jail in Birmingham, Alabama, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”[11]

A SYSTEM OF SILENCING
WHO'S SUPPRESSING SPEECH CRITICAL OF THE ISRAELI REGIME & ZIONISM?
The movement for Palestinian liberation is confronting a system of silencing designed to shield the Israeli regime and its partners from accountability. Every voice for freedom helps dismantle this system and the oppressive reality it upholds.
ISRAELI POLICY
POLITICAL VIOLENCE & ASSASSINATIONS
PROTEST REPRESSION
PROHIBITION OF BOYCOTTS
MASS SURVEILLANCE
ATTACKS ON PRESS, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS
DEFAMING POLITICAL SPEECH AS TERRORISM OR ANTISEMITISM
STRIPPING CITIZENSHIP FOR "DISLOYALTY"
BAN ON DISPLAY OF PALESTINIAN FLAG
SUPPRESSION OF NAKBA COMMEMORATION
CENSORSHIP OF ARCHIVAL RECORDS
DENIAL OF ENTRY AND TRAVEL BANS
RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN POLITICAL REPRESENTATION
OTHER ACTORS
Palestinian Authorities
INTERROGATIONS, ARRESTS, AND ASSASSINATIONS OF DISSIDENTS
RESTRICTIONS ON ONLINE EXPRESSION
Foreign Governments
DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF BROAD COUNTER-TERRORISM LAWS
REPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY PROTESTS
ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION
Funders
RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING FOR NGOS
Universities
SUPPRESSION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND CAMPUS ORGANIZING
Israel Lobby
LAWFARE AND LEGAL THREATS
DEFAMATION AND SMEAR CAMPAIGNS
CONFLATING CRITICISM OF ISRAEL WITH ANTISEMITISM
Media
EXCLUSION OF PALESTINIAN VOICES
CENSORSHIP BY SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES
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5 BROKEN CAMERAS
GROWING UP WITH THE BIL'IN RESISTANCE
51% OF BIL'IN'S LAND ANNEXED BY THE WALL
THE ICJ DECLARED THE WALL ILLEGAL
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OLIVE TREES UPROOTED TO MAKE WAY FOR WALL
25% INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ISRAELI SETTLERS
595,000 TEARGAS CANISTERS SHOT FROM THE USA TO ISRAEL
WE WANT PEACE
"IT TAKES STRENGTH TO TURN ANGER INTO SOMETHING POSITIVE"
EYAD BURNAT
53,016 HECTARES OF WEST BANK LAND TO BE ANNEXED AND WALL COMPLETED AS PLANNED
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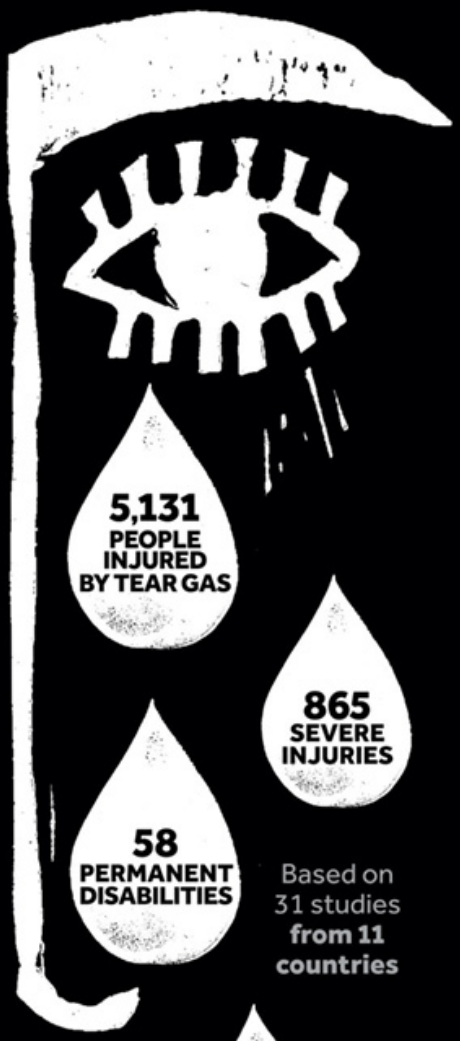
THE USE OF TEAR GAS ON PROTESTERS

Human rights groups respond, 2019-2020

EGYPT "full-throttle clampdown"
IRAQ "gruesome protester deaths"
SUDAN "without any restraint"
TURKEY "shocking unwarranted actions"
USA "dangerous & highly inappropriate"
LEBANON "violent crackdown"
COLOMBIA "excessive, disproportionate"
HONG KONG "police siege"
IRAN "scores injured"
PALESTINE "teargas canister... lodged in his face"



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KILLING THE STORY

AT LEAST **150 JOURNALISTS KILLED BY ISRAEL, 2000–2023**

JAMES MILLER
Killed by the Israeli military with a single shot to the neck while filming a documentary in Gaza in 2003.

YASER MURTAJA
Killed by Israeli snipers with a shot to the abdomen while he was covering the Great March of Return in Gaza in 2018.

SHIREEN ABU AKLEH
Killed by the Israeli military with a single shot below her ear while she was covering an Israeli invasion on the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank in 2022.

NO ONE HAS BEEN HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR MURDERS

JOURNALISTS KILLED BY ISRAEL

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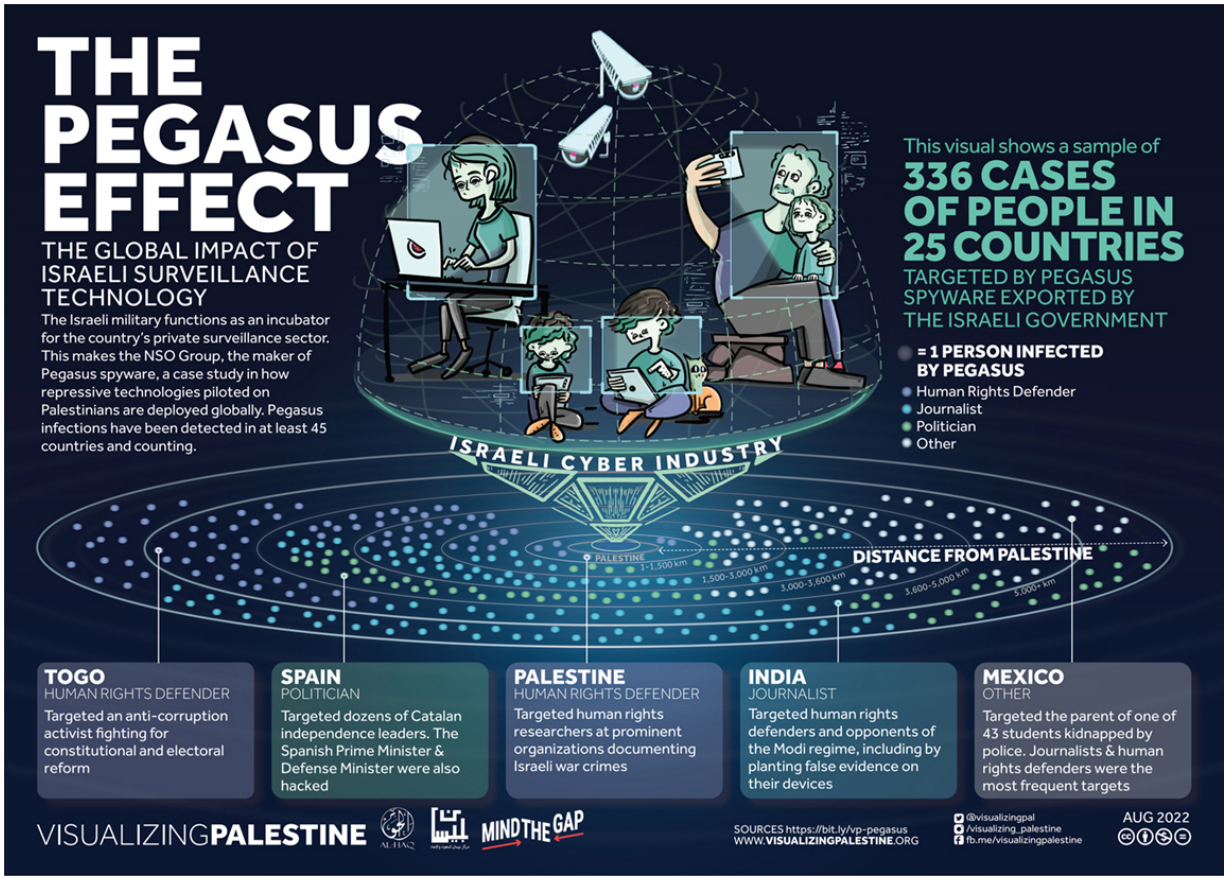
THE PEGASUS EFFECT
THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF ISRAELI SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY
The Israeli military functions as an incubator for the country's private surveillance sector. This makes the NSO Group, the maker of Pegasus spyware, a case study in how repressive technologies piloted on Palestinians are deployed globally. Pegasus infections have been detected in at least 45 countries and counting.
This visual shows a sample of
336 CASES OF PEOPLE IN 25 COUNTRIES
TARGETED BY PEGASUS SPYWARE EXPORTED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
= 1 PERSON INFECTED BY PEGASUS
Human Rights Defender
Journalist
Politician
Other
ISRAELI CYBER INDUSTRY
PALESTINE
1-1,500 km
1,500-3,000 km
3,000-3,600 km
3,600-5,000 km
5,000+ km
DISTANCE FROM PALESTINE
TOGO
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER
Targeted an anti-corruption activist fighting for constitutional and electoral reform
SPAIN
POLITICIAN
Targeted dozens of Catalan independence leaders. The Spanish Prime Minister & Defense Minister were also hacked
PALESTINE
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER
Targeted human rights researchers at prominent organizations documenting Israeli war crimes
INDIA
JOURNALIST
Targeted human rights defenders and opponents of the Modi regime, including by planting false evidence on their devices
MEXICO
OTHER
Targeted the parent of one of 43 students kidnapped by police. Journalists & human rights defenders were the most frequent targets
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BLACK AMERICANS

Black Americans are **3x more likely to be killed by police than White Americans.**

In 2017, a coalition of 77 social and racial justice organizations wrote to Facebook about **censorship of Facebook users of color** and takedowns of images discussing racism.

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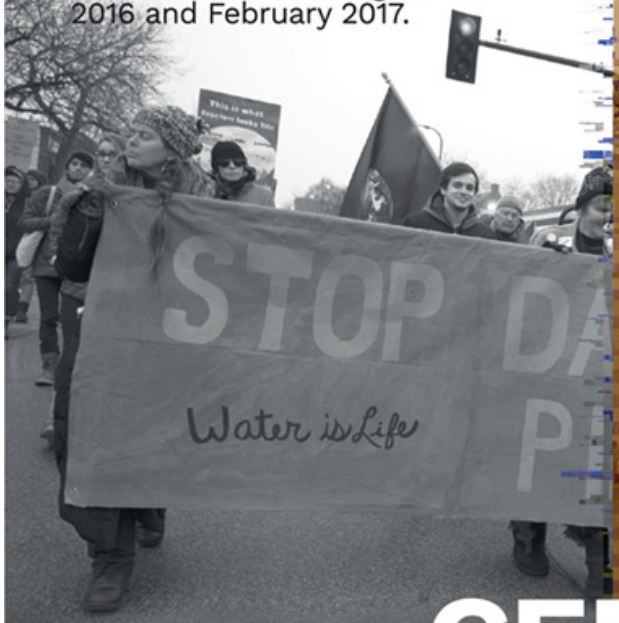
DAKOTA PIPELINE PROTESTERS ▼

At least 739 protesters were arrested between August 2016 and February 2017.



Facebook **censored a video of a mass arrest of 22 activists** at a Dakota Access Pipeline protest.

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PALESTINIANS ▼

From October 2015 to May 2017, **Israel arrested more than 200 Palestinians** on charges of incitement on social media.

In 2017, Israeli officials claimed to have an agreement with Facebook resulting in the platform's compliance with **95% of officials' requests to remove content.** Facebook has denied an agreement exists.

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NATIVE AMERICANS ▼

A generation of Native children **lost their cultural names due to the Dawes Act of 1887,** which passed out Christian names to Native peoples along with allotments of land.

Shane Creepingbear, a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, was **kicked off Facebook when the platform flagged his indigenous name as fake.**

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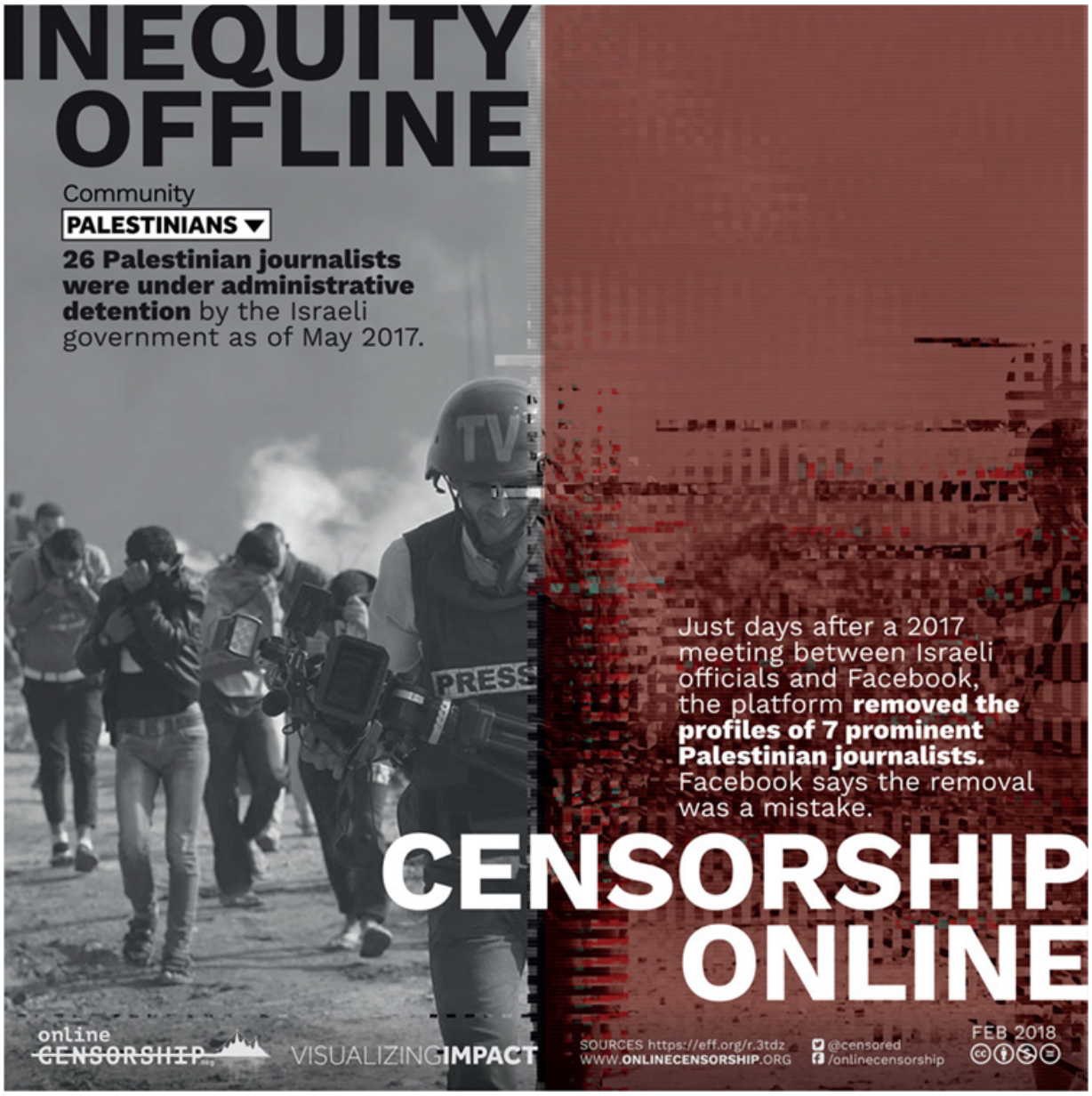
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PALESTINIANS
26 Palestinian journalists were under administrative detention by the Israeli government as of May 2017.
TV
PRESS
Just days after a 2017 meeting between Israeli officials and Facebook, the platform removed the profiles of 7 prominent Palestinian journalists. Facebook says the removal was a mistake.
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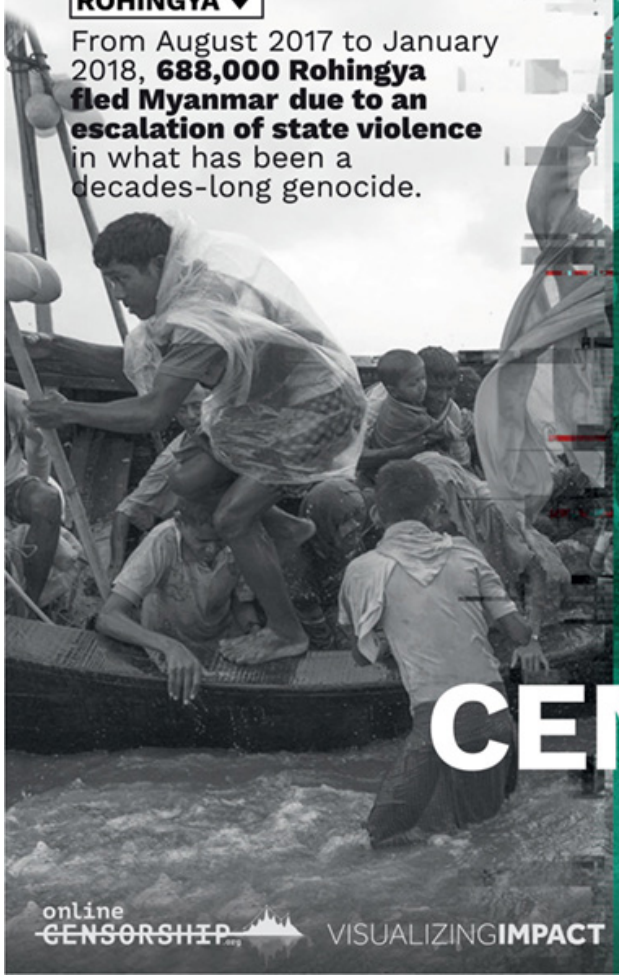
ROHINGYA ▼

From August 2017 to January 2018, **688,000 Rohingya fled Myanmar due to an escalation of state violence** in what has been a decades-long genocide.



In September 2017, multiple Rohingya activists reported seeing their **posts removed or accounts blocked** from Facebook after sharing information about attacks on the Rohingya.

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FUNDER OR CENSOR?

HOW POLITICALLY CONDITIONED FUNDING UNDERMINES PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION

Palestinian civil society faces pressure from some international donors to submit to harmful political conditions on their work. These conditions reflect Israeli government pressure, paternalism in philanthropy, and neocolonial policies of foreign governments. In the guise of "security," and "assistance," aid plays a role in delegitimizing the Palestinian liberation struggle & subsidizing Israel's colonization of Palestinian land.

FUNDING APPLICATION

Context: ~~Nakba, settler colonialism, apartheid, occupation, liberation struggle~~

We don't use these terms. Reframe as poverty alleviation/ humanitarian relief.

DEPOLITICIZING PALESTINIAN NARRATIVES

Objective: ~~Access to the full spectrum of rights, including the right to self-determination and the right of return~~

Choose a realistic objective that is achievable within a one year grant period.

LOWERING ASPIRATIONS

Approach: ~~Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS)~~

We're afraid we'll be targeted with false accusations of antisemitism or spurious lawsuits if our partners adopt BDS.

SUPPRESSING ALL FORMS OF RESISTANCE

Participants: ~~All Palestinians~~

This office only funds projects in the West Bank. Palestinians elsewhere should apply to other programs.

PERPETUATING FRAGMENTATION

Location: ~~Area C (60% of the West Bank)~~

Funding this project is a risk. Israel destroyed 1,577 donor-funded structures in Area C from 2009-2022.

SUBMITTING TO ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

Program: ~~Promoting fundamental human rights~~

We're prioritizing projects that promote dialogue. Add an Israeli partner.

PROMOTING NORMALIZATION

Principle: ~~Reject weaponization of counter-terrorism laws~~

You must agree to enforce our government's definition of terrorism, even though this definition is being abused to make false allegations and undermine civil society and political activities.

CRIMINALIZING DISSENT

Accountable to: ~~Palestinian community~~

We'll measure your work against the criteria and priorities of our agency.

CREATING DONOR-DRIVEN ORGANIZATIONS

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9. UNITED STATES COMPLICITY

Visuals in this section: Trump vs. International Law | Trump vs. A Global Consensus | US Military Aid to Israel | End Military Aid to Israel | Donating to Dispossession | "House by House, Lot by Lot" | In the Firing Zone | Not on Our Dime | Above the Law? | The Rise of US Anti-Boycott Legislation

“I am determined as ever to fight for a just future where everyone can live in peace, without fear and with true freedom, equal rights, and human dignity…. The failure to recognize the violent reality of living under siege, occupation, and apartheid makes no one safer. No person, no child anywhere should have to suffer or live in fear of violence…. As long as our country provides billions in unconditional funding to support the apartheid government, this heartbreaking cycle of violence will continue.

—US Representative Rashida Tlaib (October 2023)

“[S]hared values compel us to reaffirm that our enduring friendship with the people of Israel and our unbreakable bonds with the state of Israel—that those bonds, that friendship cannot be broken…. Those values compel us to say that our commitment to Israel’s security—and my commitment to Israel’s security—is and always will be unshakeable.

—President Barack Obama, remarks to Adas Israel Congregation (2015)

The date of May 14, 2018, stands out as a day that symbolizes the state of US complicity with Israel and contempt for Palestinian life. On that day, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner were photographed smiling at the opening of the US embassy in Jerusalem while, a few dozen miles away, Israeli snipers were firing live ammunition at Palestinian protesters in Gaza, massacring sixty people and injuring thousands.[1] While successive US administrations have consistently referred to “shared values” with Israel, the opening of the embassy and the close relationship between US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu laid bare what “shared values” really mean: support for both countries’ colonization and domination of Indigenous peoples. **Trump vs. International Law** and

Trump vs. A Global Consensus depict how Trump broke from previous administrations' policies when he recognized Israel's annexation of Jerusalem, in violation of international law.

Contempt for Palestinian life did not end when Trump left office. As Israel began carrying out acts of genocide in October 2023, the US State Department under Joe Biden's administration issued a memo instructing high-level officials not to use the phrases "de-escalation/ceasefire," "end to violence/bloodshed," and "restoring calm,"[2] while White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre called the demand for a ceasefire "disgraceful" and "repugnant."[3] President Biden engaged in genocide denial, saying he had "no notion that the Palestinians are telling the truth about how many people are killed" as the death toll in Gaza neared seven thousand and thousands were missing in the rubble.[4] Weeks later, a senior Biden administration official admitted that the numbers are "even higher than are being cited."[5] On October 28, three weeks into daily massacres, White House National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby said, "We're not drawing red lines for Israel."[6]

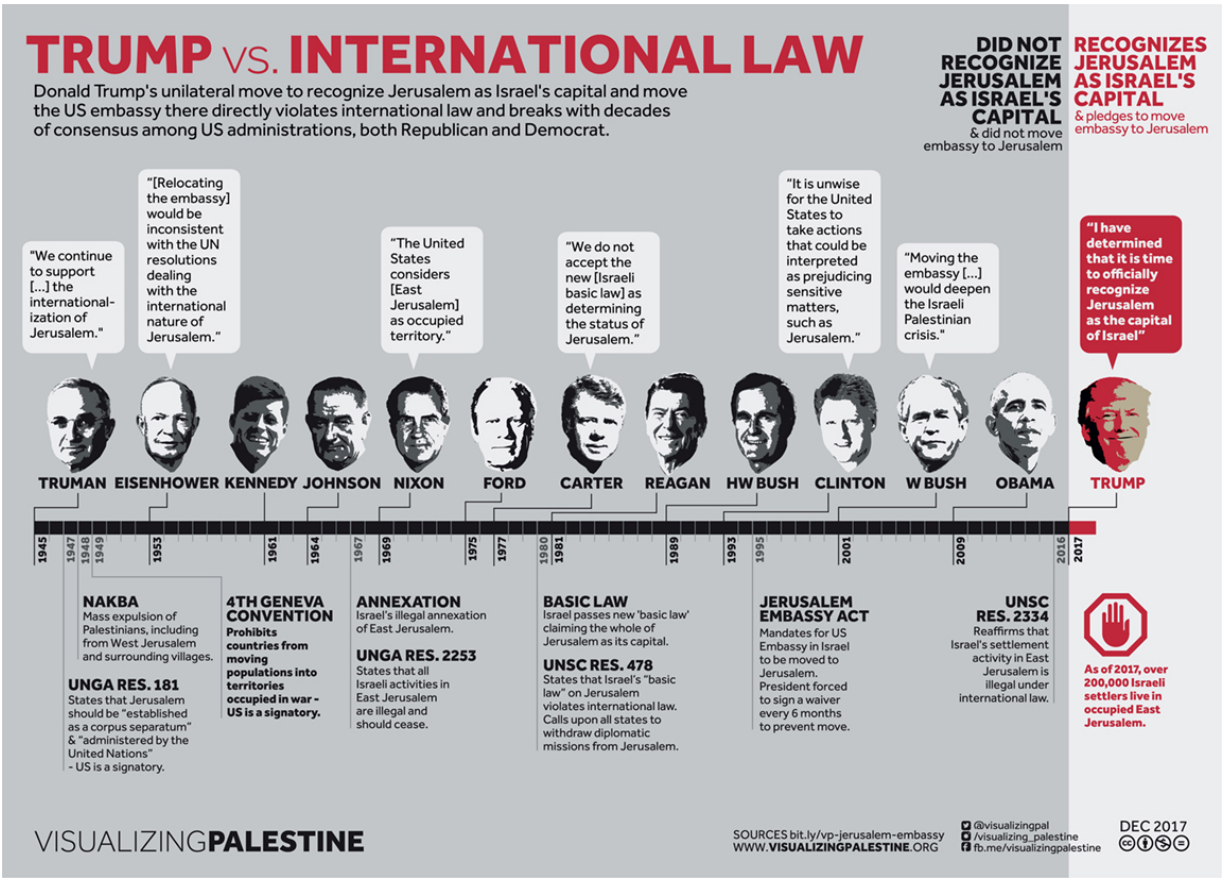
From 1946 to 2023, Israel received more than $124 billion in US military funding and missile systems.[7] The Congressional Research Service also notes that US military funding is "designed to maintain Israel's 'qualitative military edge' over neighboring militaries" and that the United States stockpiles weapons and military equipment in Israel, which the Israeli government can request to use.[8] In **US Military Aid to Israel,** we visualize how this blank check from the United States to Israel reflects the two countries' mutual investment in militarism and imperialism. This puts American taxpayers in the position of subsidizing the exploitation of Palestinians, and it also squanders resources that could be used to invest in justice and well-being for communities in the United States. The series **End Military Aid to Israel** appeared on billboards in Washington, DC, during the 2013 conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), which spends millions of dollars every year to lobby Congress to implement policies favorable to Israel.

Military funding is one of many sources of US support for Israeli colonization. One investigation in 2015 found that, from 2009 to 2013, US organizations masquerading as charities funneled over $220 million to Israeli organizations involved in the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements.[9] In **Donating to Dispossession** we zoom in on one organization, the New York–registered Central Fund of Israel, and highlight the activities of several of its Israeli grantees. **"House by House, Lot by Lot"** and **In the Firing Zone** depict the role that Israeli settlement organizations play in a larger system that perpetuates the continued dispossession of the Palestinian people. We created these visuals in collaboration with a coalition of groups advancing the **Not on Our Dime** campaign, which is pushing for first-of-its-kind state legislation to stop New York charities from funding Israeli settler violence.

On top of its financial support, the United States facilitates impunity for Israel with its diplomatic power as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. **Above the Law?** visualizes how the United States routinely uses its veto power to block measures to hold Israel accountable for its violations of international law and Palestinian human rights. On October 18, 2023, the United States vetoed a resolution at the Security Council calling for Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza at a time when Israel had cut off all water, food, fuel, and medicine.[10]

With the 2005 Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) gaining momentum in the United States, a new repressive attack by US lawmakers emerged in the form of anti-boycott bills. **The Rise of US Anti-Boycott Legislation** visualizes 443 anti-boycott measures introduced by US lawmakers at the state and federal levels from 2014 to March 2023, threatening a constitutionally protected form of political expression and dissent. While these bills started as an attack on Palestinian solidarity, they have evolved into a broader attack on climate action, gun control, trans rights, abortion access, workplace equity, and more. Model legislation authored by the American Legislative Exchange Council, a right-wing corporate lobby group, is a driving force behind this all-out assault on the right to boycott. In addition to bringing attention to the criminalization of

dissent, this visual highlights the interconnectedness of oppression and struggle across movements. In her book *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle*, Angela Davis wrote, “When we try to organize campaigns in solidarity with Palestine, when we try to challenge the Israeli state, it’s not simply about focusing our struggles elsewhere, in another place. It also has to do with what happens in US communities.”


TRUMP VS. INTERNATIONAL LAW
Donald Trump's unilateral move to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move the US embassy there directly violates international law and breaks with decades of consensus among US administrations, both Republican and Democrat.
DID NOT RECOGNIZE JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL & did not move embassy to Jerusalem
RECOGNIZES JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL & pledges to move embassy to Jerusalem
"We continue to support [...] the international-ization of Jerusalem."
"[Relocating the embassy] would be inconsistent with the UN resolutions dealing with the international nature of Jerusalem."
"The United States considers [East Jerusalem] as occupied territory."
"We do not accept the new [Israeli basic law] as determining the status of Jerusalem."
"It is unwise for the United States to take actions that could be interpreted as prejudicing sensitive matters, such as Jerusalem."
"Moving the embassy [...] would deepen the Israeli Palestinian crisis."
"I have determined that it is time to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel"
TRUMAN
EISENHOWER
KENNEDY
JOHNSON
NIXON
FORD
CARTER
REAGAN
HW BUSH
CLINTON
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OBAMA
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2016
2017
NAKBA
Mass expulsion of Palestinians, including from West Jerusalem and surrounding villages.
UNGA RES. 181
States that Jerusalem should be "established as a corpus separatum" & "administered by the United Nations" - US is a signatory.
4TH GENEVA CONVENTION
Prohibits countries from moving populations into territories occupied in war - US is a signatory.
ANNEXATION
Israel's illegal annexation of East Jerusalem.
UNGA RES. 2253
States that all Israeli activities in East Jerusalem are illegal and should cease.
BASIC LAW
Israel passes new 'basic law' claiming the whole of Jerusalem as its capital.
UNSC RES. 478
States that Israel's "basic law" on Jerusalem violates international law. Calls upon all states to withdraw diplomatic missions from Jerusalem.
JERUSALEM EMBASSY ACT
Mandates for US Embassy in Israel to be moved to Jerusalem. President forced to sign a waiver every 6 months to prevent move.
UNSC RES. 2334
Reaffirms that Israel's settlement activity in East Jerusalem is illegal under international law.
As of 2017, over 200,000 Israeli settlers live in occupied East Jerusalem.
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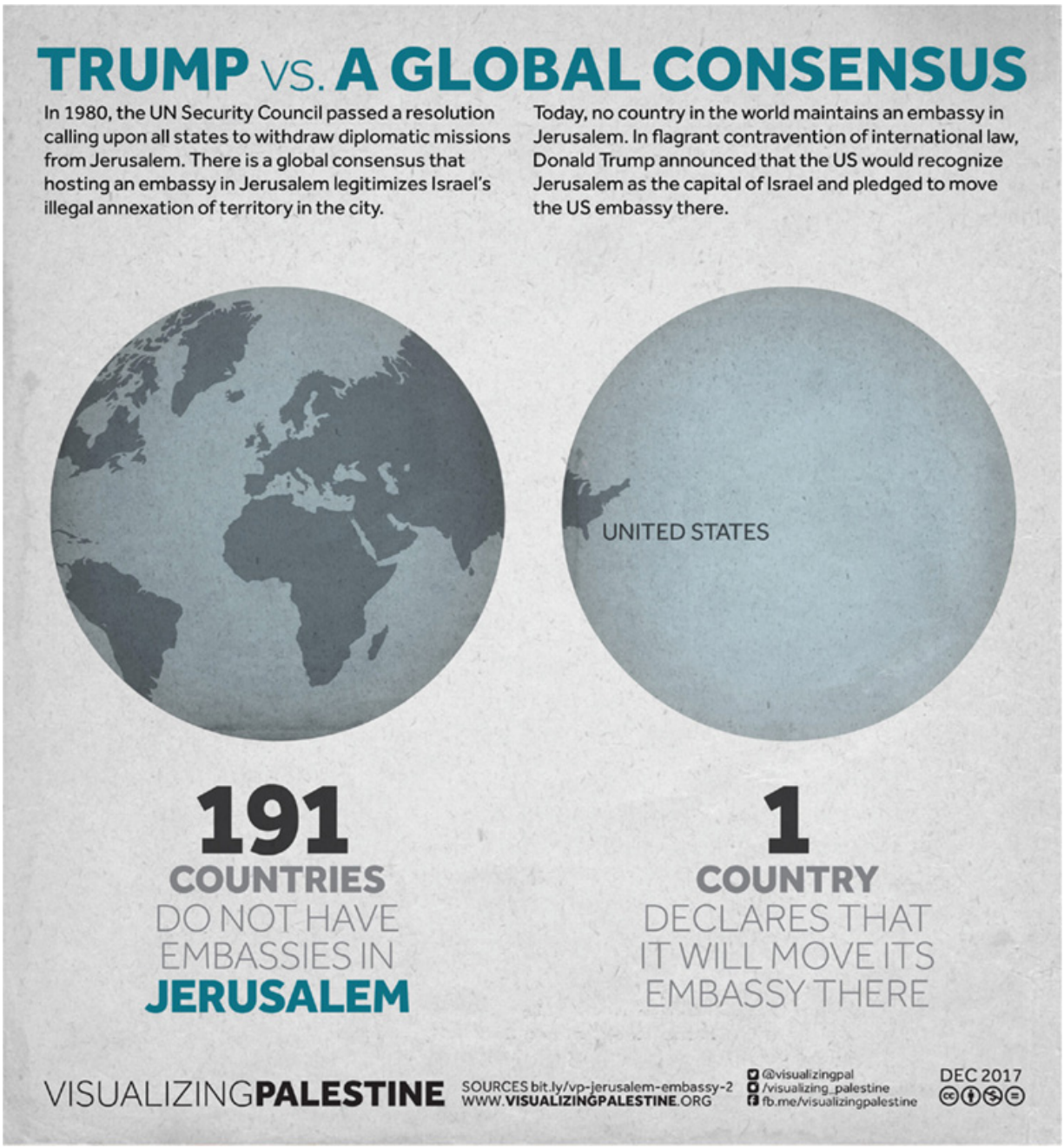
TRUMP VS. A GLOBAL CONSENSUS
In 1980, the UN Security Council passed a resolution calling upon all states to withdraw diplomatic missions from Jerusalem. There is a global consensus that hosting an embassy in Jerusalem legitimizes Israel's illegal annexation of territory in the city.
Today, no country in the world maintains an embassy in Jerusalem. In flagrant contravention of international law, Donald Trump announced that the US would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and pledged to move the US embassy there.
UNITED STATES
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COUNTRIES
DO NOT HAVE EMBASSIES IN
JERUSALEM
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COUNTRY
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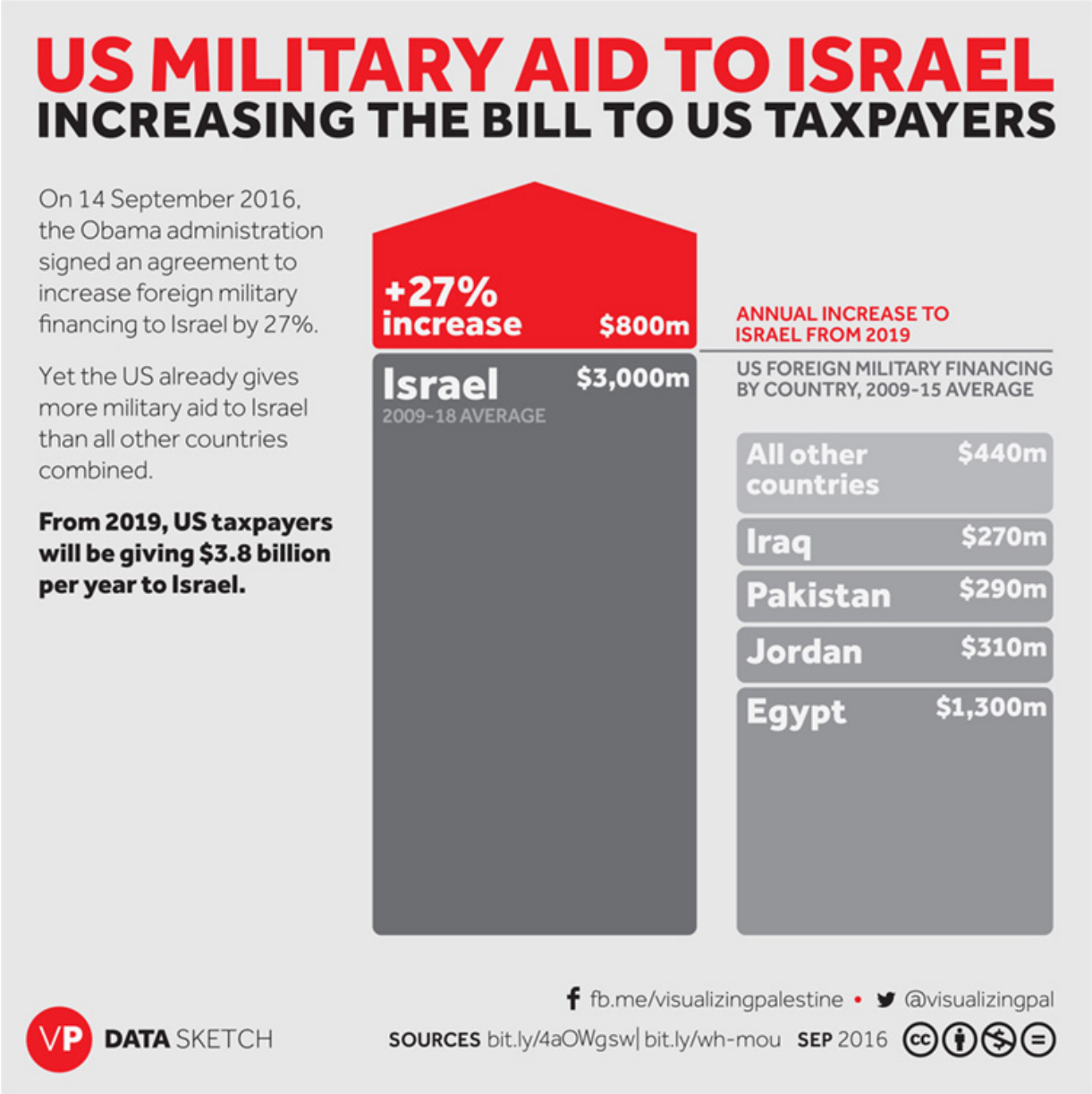
US MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL
INCREASING THE BILL TO US TAXPAYERS
On 14 September 2016, the Obama administration signed an agreement to increase foreign military financing to Israel by 27%.
Yet the US already gives more military aid to Israel than all other countries combined.
From 2019, US taxpayers will be giving $3.8 billion per year to Israel.
+27% increase
$800m
Israel
2009-18 AVERAGE
$3,000m
ANNUAL INCREASE TO ISRAEL FROM 2019
US FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING BY COUNTRY, 2009-15 AVERAGE
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Pakistan $290m
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Egypt $1,300m
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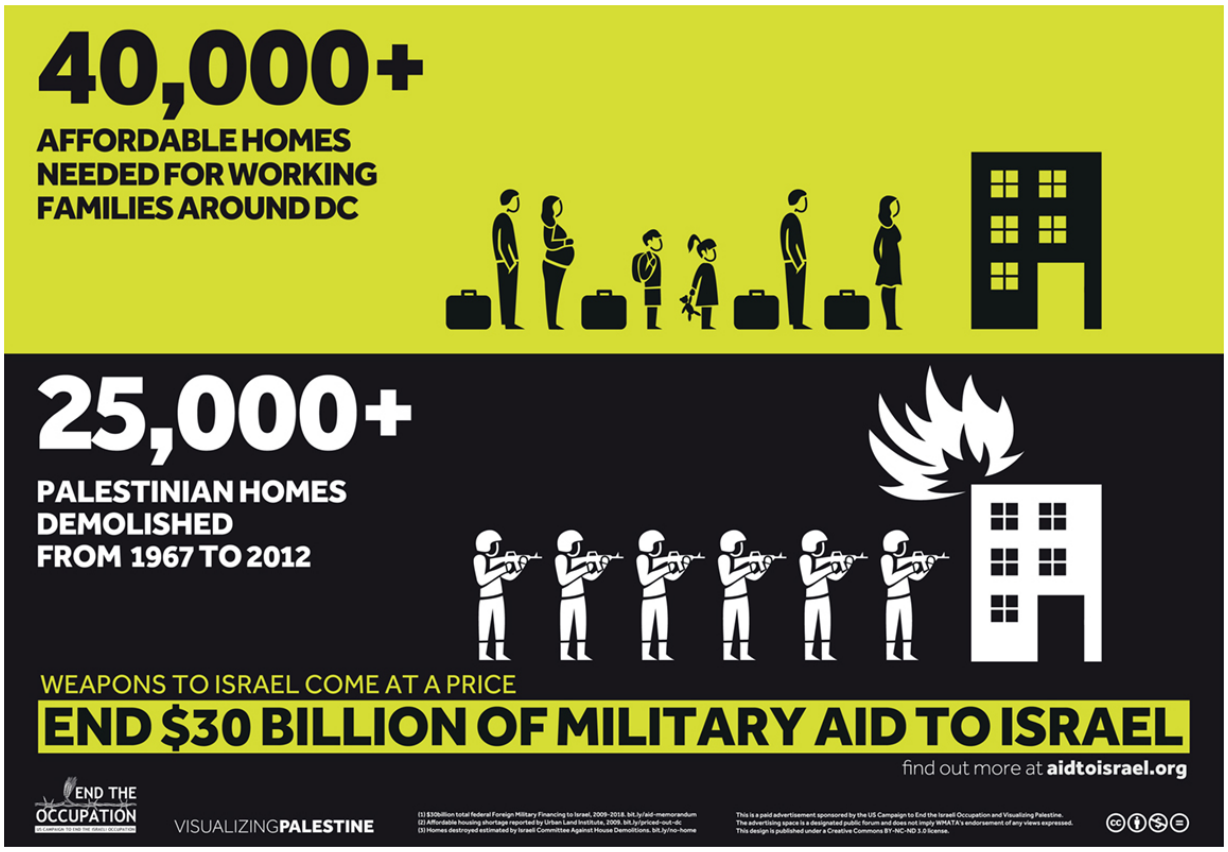
40,000+
AFFORDABLE HOMES NEEDED FOR WORKING FAMILIES AROUND DC
25,000+
PALESTINIAN HOMES DEMOLISHED FROM 1967 TO 2012
WEAPONS TO ISRAEL COME AT A PRICE
END $30 BILLION OF MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL
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END THE OCCUPATION
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INVEST IN OUR FUTURE
$30 billion could train nearly 5 million unemployed Americans for green jobs
NOT IN ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION
Instead we're arming Israel with $30 billion of weapons over a decade
WEAPONS TO ISRAEL COME AT A PRICE
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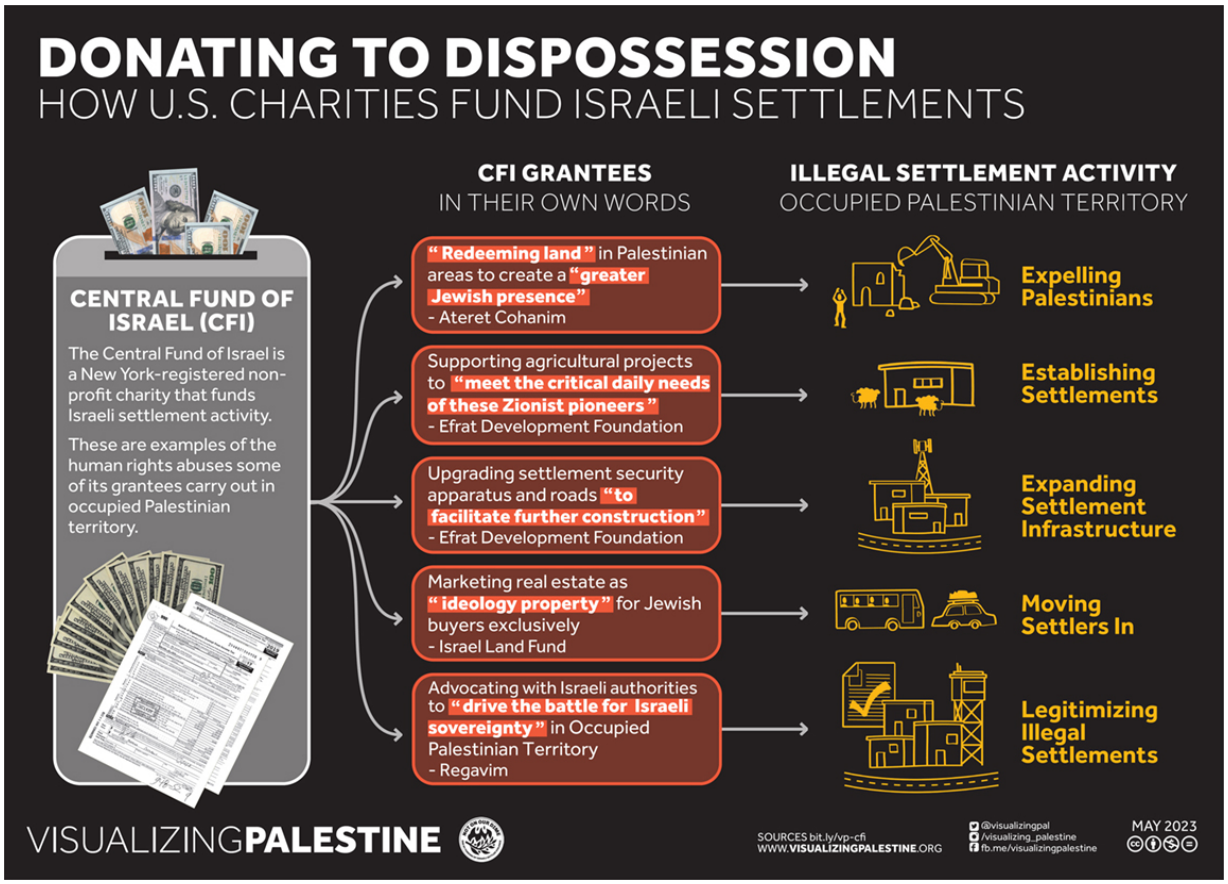
DONATING TO DISPOSSESSION
HOW U.S. CHARITIES FUND ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS
CENTRAL FUND OF ISRAEL (CFI)
The Central Fund of Israel is a New York-registered non-profit charity that funds Israeli settlement activity.
These are examples of the human rights abuses some of its grantees carry out in occupied Palestinian territory.
CFI GRANTEES
IN THEIR OWN WORDS
"Redeeming land" in Palestinian areas to create a "greater Jewish presence"
- Ateret Cohanim
Supporting agricultural projects to "meet the critical daily needs of these Zionist pioneers"
- Efrat Development Foundation
Upgrading settlement security apparatus and roads "to facilitate further construction"
- Efrat Development Foundation
Marketing real estate as "ideology property" for Jewish buyers exclusively
- Israel Land Fund
Advocating with Israeli authorities to "drive the battle for Israeli sovereignty" in Occupied Palestinian Territory
- Regavim
ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
Expelling Palestinians
Establishing Settlements
Expanding Settlement Infrastructure
Moving Settlers In
Legitimizing Illegal Settlements
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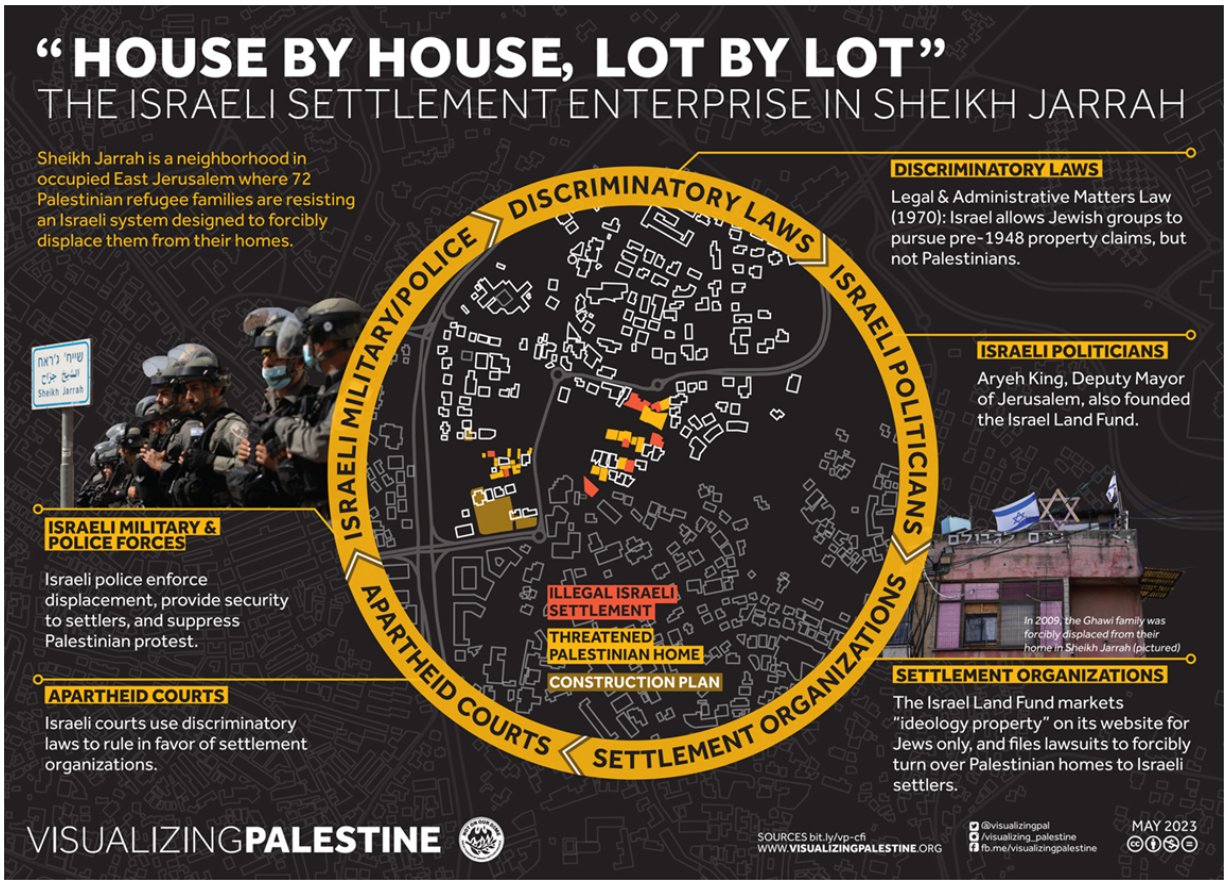
"HOUSE BY HOUSE, LOT BY LOT"
THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ENTERPRISE IN SHEIKH JARRAH
Sheikh Jarrah is a neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem where 72 Palestinian refugee families are resisting an Israeli system designed to forcibly displace them from their homes.
DISCRIMINATORY LAWS
Legal & Administrative Matters Law (1970): Israel allows Jewish groups to pursue pre-1948 property claims, but not Palestinians.
ISRAELI POLITICIANS
Aryeh King, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, also founded the Israel Land Fund.
ISRAELI MILITARY & POLICE FORCES
Israeli police enforce displacement, provide security to settlers, and suppress Palestinian protest.
APARTHEID COURTS
Israeli courts use discriminatory laws to rule in favor of settlement organizations.
SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS
The Israel Land Fund markets "ideology property" on its website for Jews only, and files lawsuits to forcibly turn over Palestinian homes to Israeli settlers.
In 2009, the Ghawi family was forcibly displaced from their home in Sheikh Jarrah (pictured)
ISRAELI MILITARY/POLICE
DISCRIMINATORY LAWS
ISRAELI POLITICIANS
SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS
APARTHEID COURTS
ILLEGAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENT
THREATENED PALESTINIAN HOME
CONSTRUCTION PLAN
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IN THE FIRING ZONE
THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ENTERPRISE IN MASAFER YATTA
Masafer Yatta is an area comprising more than a dozen Palestinian villages in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Residents of these villages have been resisting mass displacement since the Israeli military declared their homes to be part of Firing Zone 918 in the 1980s and ordered them to leave.
DISCRIMINATORY POLICY
The Israeli military has designated almost 20% of the occupied West Bank as "military firing zones," including Masafer Yatta.
ISRAELI POLITICIANS
In 1979, Ariel Sharon, former Israeli prime minister and agriculture minister, said he created firing zones "for one purpose: to provide an opportunity for Jewish settlement in the area."
Israeli military drill in Masafer Yatta, 2021
ISRAELI MILITARY & POLICE FORCES
Israeli forces carry out demolition orders, ensure impunity for settler violence, and suppress Palestinian protest.
DISCRIMINATORY POLICY
ISRAELI POLITICIANS
SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS
APARTHEID COURTS
ISRAELI MILITARY/POLICE
FIRING ZONE 918
APARTHEID WALL (PLANNED ROUTE)
PALESTINIAN LOCALITY
ISRAELI SETTLEMENT/OUTPOST
#SAVE MASAFER YATTA
Protest in Masafer Yatta, 2023
APARTHEID COURTS
In 2022, the Israeli Supreme Court approved the mass displacement of Palestinians from Masafer Yatta. One of the three justices on the case lives in an illegal Israeli settlement.
SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS
Regavim pursues the demolition of Palestinian villages and property through Israeli courts and the military. HaShomer YOSH harasses Palestinian farmers and herders.
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NOT ON OUR DIME
END NEW YORK FUNDING OF ISRAELI SETTLER VIOLENCE
TAX-FREE $$$
NEW YORK SETTLEMENT FUNDERS
Organizations in New York State are funding the Israeli settlement enterprise in violation of international law. Masquerading as charities, these groups funnel hundreds of millions of dollars to war crimes while enjoying tax-breaks.
NEW YORK STATE GOVERNMENT & IRS
HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES
Israeli settlement organizations forcibly displace Palestinians and build illegal settlements within Occupied Palestinian Territory, in violation of international law.
Call on your New York State Representatives to pass the Not on Our Dime Act and end NY funding of Israeli settler violence
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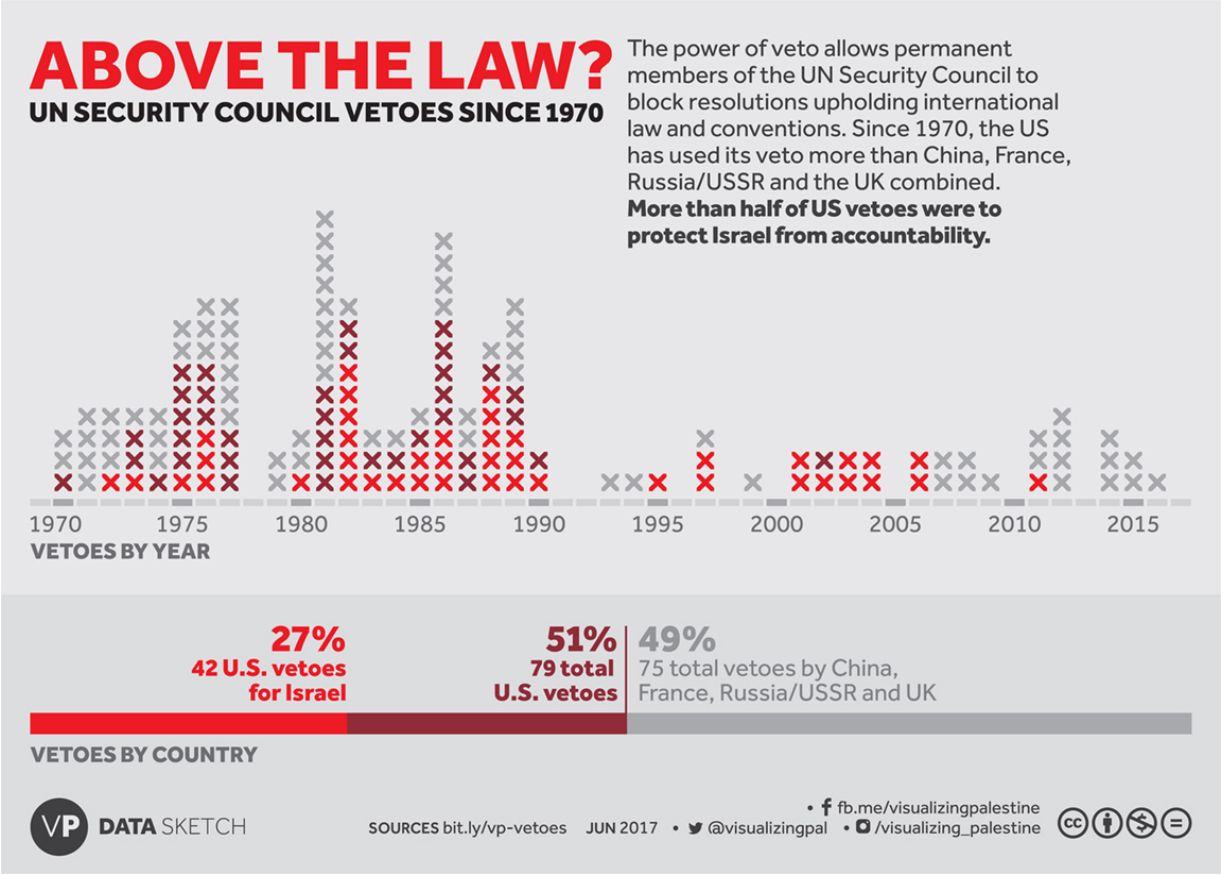

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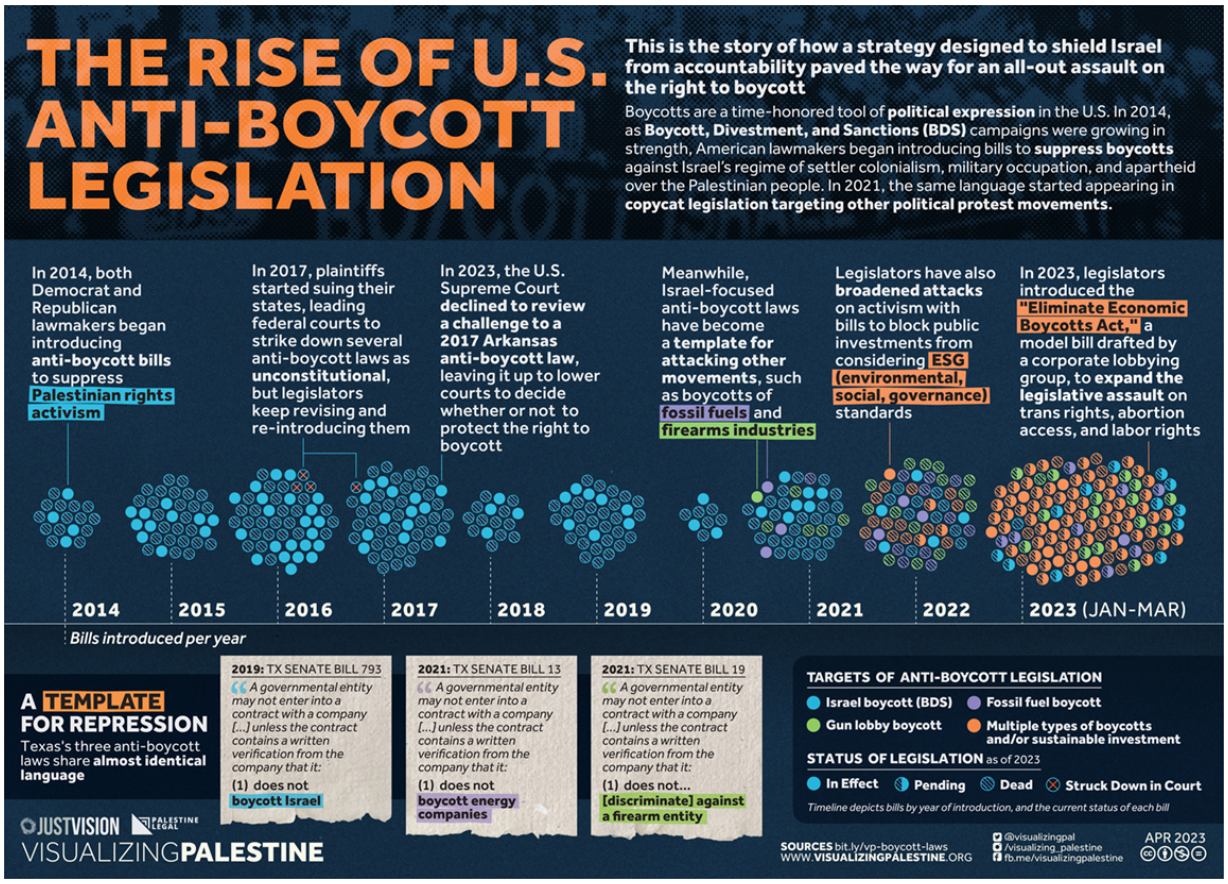
THE RISE OF U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION
This is the story of how a strategy designed to shield Israel from accountability paved the way for an all-out assault on the right to boycott
Boycotts are a time-honored tool of political expression in the U.S. In 2014, as Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaigns were growing in strength, American lawmakers began introducing bills to suppress boycotts against Israel's regime of settler colonialism, military occupation, and apartheid over the Palestinian people. In 2021, the same language started appearing in copycat legislation targeting other political protest movements.
In 2014, both Democrat and Republican lawmakers began introducing anti-boycott bills to suppress Palestinian rights activism
In 2017, plaintiffs started suing their states, leading federal courts to strike down several anti-boycott laws as unconstitutional, but legislators keep revising and re-introducing them
In 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a challenge to a 2017 Arkansas anti-boycott law, leaving it up to lower courts to decide whether or not to protect the right to boycott
Meanwhile, Israel-focused anti-boycott laws have become a template for attacking other movements, such as boycotts of fossil fuels and firearms industries
Legislators have also broadened attacks on activism with bills to block public investments from considering ESG (environmental, social, governance) standards
In 2023, legislators introduced the "Eliminate Economic Boycotts Act," a model bill drafted by a corporate lobbying group, to expand the legislative assault on trans rights, abortion access, and labor rights
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023 (JAN-MAR)
Bills introduced per year
A TEMPLATE FOR REPRESSION
Texas's three anti-boycott laws share almost identical language
2019: TX SENATE BILL 793
"A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company [...] unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:
(1) does not boycott Israel
2021: TX SENATE BILL 13
"A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company [...] unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:
(1) does not boycott energy companies
2021: TX SENATE BILL 19
"A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company [...] unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:
(1) does not... [discriminate] against a firearm entity
TARGETS OF ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION
Israel boycott (BDS)
Fossil fuel boycott
Gun lobby boycott
Multiple types of boycotts and/or sustainable investment
STATUS OF LEGISLATION as of 2023
In Effect
Pending
Dead
Struck Down in Court
Timeline depicts bills by year of introduction, and the current status of each bill
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10. CORPORATE COMPLICITY

Visuals in this section: Airbnb Benefits from Israeli Rights Abuses | Bed and Breakfast on Stolen Land | From Savings to Settlements | Warning: Contains Human Rights Violations | Turning War Crimes into Wine | Field-Tested on Palestinians | Hope/Destruction | Watched | Light Rail, Heavy Losses

> **Our struggle against death and suffering here in the Arizona borderlands is deeply implicated in the struggle against US-funded war and occupation in Palestine…. We continue to witness the same war-profiting industry that makes the assault on Gaza possible also contributing to the militarization of our communities in the US-Mexico borderlands.**
>
> *—No Más Muertes (No More Deaths), "Statement on Gaza" (2014)*

> **We cannot look the other way, as the products we build are used to deny Palestinians their basic rights, force Palestinians out of their homes and attack Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.**
>
> *—Over 1,000 anonymous Amazon and Google workers, "We Are Google and Amazon Workers. We Condemn Project Nimbus" (2021)*

In 2020, the United Nations Human Rights Office published a list of 112 companies involved in business activities in illegal Israeli settlements.[1] The list was significant not for its practical content, which was narrow in scope and had no immediate legal implications, but for its symbolic content. It overcame four years of attempts by US and Israeli officials to suppress its publication, and it implicitly acknowledged the role of economic pressure as a tool of accountability in the case of Israeli apartheid, a tactic that the UN enthusiastically endorsed during the period of apartheid in South Africa.[2]

The connection between colonialism and global capitalism is on full display in Palestine. An American company (Hewlett Packard Enterprise) built the database for Israel's population registry, the system that enforces segregation at checkpoints.[3] A British private security company (G4S) operated Israeli prisons that hold Palestinians without charge or trial.[4] A German company (HeidelbergCement) pays the Israeli military and an

illegal Israeli settlement for mining rights in a Palestinian stone quarry in the occupied West Bank.[5] These are just a few of hundreds of examples.

Targeting apartheid profiteers—whether they are multinational companies operating in Palestine or Israeli companies marketing products to the global market as "field-tested" on Palestinians—is a strategy that has animated numerous inspiring and successful forms of transnational solidarity. We have supported several of these efforts with visual resources.

Airbnb, Booking.com, Expedia, and Tripadvisor were among the companies listed in the UN database of complicit corporations. By offering vacation rentals located in illegal Israeli settlements, they bolster the settlement economy, which is heavily involved in tourism. In 2018, we published **Airbnb Benefits from Israeli Rights Abuses** and **Bed and Breakfast on Stolen Land** for a Human Rights Watch report on this issue.[6] Amid growing pressure from a coalition of human rights groups, Airbnb announced that it would ban rental listings in settlements,[7] but it reversed its decision a few months later to settle a lawsuit by Israeli settlers.[8]

Nine Israeli banks are among the UN-listed complicit companies for their central role in financing every stage of illegal settlement construction. **From Savings to Settlements** emphasizes that, at the time we created the visual, multiple major European pension funds held investments in Israeli banks. Several have since divested or adopted investment screens to avoid complicity in violations of international law and Palestinian human rights.[9]

One of the glaring omissions from the UN's list of complicit companies was Israeli Chemicals Ltd. (ICL), which pumps millions of cubic meters of water out of the northern basin of the Dead Sea, located in the occupied Palestinian territory, to mine its abundant minerals: potash, bromine, and magnesium.[10] Dead Sea minerals have made ICL one of the largest fertilizer companies in the world.[11] In **Warning: Contains Human Rights Violations,** we look at the connection between military occupation and the exploitation of mineral-rich territories.

In 2019, Mike Pompeo, US secretary of state under Donald Trump, visited Psagot Winery, an Israeli settlement winery founded on land stolen from Palestinians. At the same time, the United States changed its trade policy to mandate that goods produced in Israeli settlements must be deceptively labeled "made in Israel."[12] Psagot Winery is owned by a Florida-based family of billionaires, the Falic family. Members of the Falic family have made at least $5.6 million in "charitable" contributions to various Israeli settlement organizations and have been major contributors to both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and to US politicians who support the policies of the Israeli government.[13] At the time that we published **Turning War Crimes into Wine,** a European citizens' initiative was pushing for a ban on the trade of settlement goods in the European Union; the Canadian government had just ruled that illegal settlement goods cannot be marked as products of Israel;[14] and Florida activists were calling for a boycott of Duty Free Americas, a Falic family company that sells Psagot wine at North American airports and border crossings.

Israeli companies are prominent among the world's border profiteers. **Field-Tested on Palestinians** explores how Israel's military occupation of Palestine functions as a laboratory for these companies to develop and test methods of extreme violence and control (see also The Pegasus Effect in chapter 8). These technologies are then deployed to militarize border zones elsewhere. For example, drones made by Elbit Systems, Israel's largest military company, can be found patrolling the Mediterranean waters of the European Union, where thousands of migrants have drowned trying to reach safe shores.[15] In **Watched,** we follow Elbit Systems to the US border zone in Arizona, where Elbit surveillance towers oversee the deaths of migrants in the Sonoran Desert, subject Tohono O'odham reservation to round-the-clock surveillance, and have been turned against protesters. **Hope/Destruction** depicts the ongoing collective action against Elbit Systems, part of a broader call to impose a military embargo on Israel.

Several major corporations, such as Veolia, Orange, and G4S, have fully or partially ended their operations in Israel following long-term, high-profile campaigns highlighting how these companies contribute to human rights

abuses against Palestinians. **Light Rail, Heavy Losses** tells the story of how Veolia, a French multinational company, lost billions of dollars in contracts over the course of a global, multiyear campaign regarding the company's involvement in building the Jerusalem Light Rail, an Israeli infrastructure project to connect and entrench illegal settlements. Veolia announced plans to withdraw from the Israeli market in 2014 and followed through in 2015.[16]

The successes of economic activism are hard won, and their impact is more significant than the dollar value attached to them. The next chapter looks more deeply at how the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement has mobilized broad campaigns for Palestinian freedom, justice, and equality, in the context of a global analysis of oppression in which communities trace the links between their respective experiences of injustice.

AIRBNB BENEFITS FROM ISRAELI RIGHTS ABUSES
Airbnb profits from rentals in Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian West Bank. These rentals are inherently discriminatory since Palestinian ID holders are effectively barred from entering settlements, while Israelis and foreigners are welcomed.
Human Rights Watch and Kerem Navot found at least 139 Airbnb property listings in 61 Israeli settlements - excluding in East Jerusalem- from March to July 2018, including in 7 outposts illegal even under Israeli law.
Palestinian community
Israeli settlement
Israeli outpost
International law considers all settlements illegal. Some are also illegal under Israeli law.
1
4
16
Number of property listings
GAZA
ISRAEL
WEST BANK
Jenin
Tulkarm
Studio house in Samiria
Nablus
Vacation on Mount Kida
Ramallah
Jericho
Jerusalem
Boutique guesthouse
Bethlehem
Rustic caravan in Gush Etzion
Hebron
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BED & BREAKFAST ON STOLEN LAND

HOW AIRBNB BENEFITS FROM ISRAELI RIGHTS ABUSES

ISRAEL EXPROPRIATES PALESTINIAN LAND

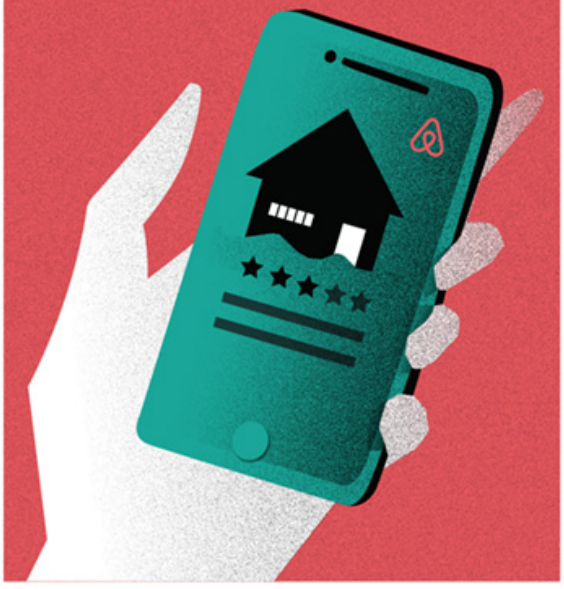
Israel has seized more than 21% of the West Bank, excluding East Jerusalem, as 'state land'. It also enabled the takeover of thousands of hectares it acknowledges to be privately owned by Palestinians.

ISRAEL BUILDS ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS

There are over 250 Israeli-only settlements in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, home to more than 628,000 settlers. All settlements are illegal under international law. Some are also illegal under Israeli law.

ISRAELI SETTLERS PROMOTE THEIR PROPERTIES ON AIRBNB

At least 139 Airbnb properties are listed in 61 Israeli settlements from March to July 2018, excluding in East Jerusalem. Airbnb does not disclose that these properties are located in settlements.



SETTLER PROPERTIES ARE LEASED TO EVERYONE EXCEPT PALESTINIANS

Palestinian ID holders are effectively barred from living in or visiting the settlements built on seized Palestinian land. Airbnb is facilitating rental of properties where hosts are mandated by law to discriminate against guests based on their national or ethnic origin.

AIRBNB CONTRIBUTES TO SERIOUS RIGHTS ABUSES

By doing business in settlements, on land unlawfully seized and under conditions of entrenched discrimination, Airbnb contributes to and benefits from serious violations of international law.

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FROM SAVINGS TO SETTLEMENTS

EUROPEAN PENSION FUNDS INVEST IN ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS VIA ISRAELI BANKS

1. YOU ENTRUST SAVINGS TO YOUR PENSION FUND

2. EUROPEAN PENSION FUNDS INVEST IN ISRAELI BANKS

In Jan 2017, Europe's five largest pension funds had €7.5 billion invested in Israeli banks and other companies with business activities in settlements. The EU's position, in line with international law, is that all settlement activity is illegal and should cease immediately.

3. ISRAELI BANKS FINANCE SETTLEMENT CONSTRUCTION

Israel's seven largest banks provide special loans for the construction of Israeli-only settlements and settlement infrastructure in the West Bank, on land confiscated by Israel.

4. ISRAELI BANKS ENABLE SETTLERS TO MOVE IN

Israeli banks collect and hold advance payments from buyers and provide mortgages and loans to settlers and settlement councils. Palestinians ID holders are effectively barred from visiting or living in settlements.

5. ISRAELI BANKS PROVIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES TO SETTLEMENTS

At least 16 branches of Israeli banks operate in 6 settlements in the West Bank, but digital services allow banks to service settlements even without these physical locations.

ISRAELI BANKS & THEIR INVESTORS BENEFIT FROM AND CONTRIBUTE TO GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

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⚠ WARNING CONTAINS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

U.S. and EU law regulates tin, tungsten, tantalum, and gold (3TG) as "conflict minerals" for their role in financing armed groups, especially in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This visual contributes to broadening the conversation around **conflict minerals and the role that resource extraction plays as an economic incentive for perpetuating military occupation and colonization.**

DEAD SEA, OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

Minerals
BROMINE, POTASH, MAGNESIUM

NOT REGULATED AS CONFLICT MINERAL

ISRAELI CHEMICALS LTD (ICL GROUP)

Among ten largest fertilizer companies in the world

Pillages Dead Sea minerals from occupied Palestinian territory subject to military rule and apartheid

The Israeli government holds a **"golden share,"** giving it veto power over other shareholders

ICL's exclusive permit to mine the Dead Sea is up for renewal **March 31, 2030**

$918 MILLION LOST TO THE **PALESTINIAN ECONOMY** ANNUALLY

OCCUPIED WESTERN SAHARA

Mineral
PHOSPHATE ROCK

NOT REGULATED AS CONFLICT MINERAL

OCP GROUP

Among five largest fertilizer companies in the world; owned by the Moroccan state

72% of world phosphate rock reserves are **located in Morocco, including in Western Sahara under military occupation**

10% of OCP Group's income comes from mining in Western Sahara, which has been under Moroccan military occupation since 1975

$90 MILLION IN PHOSPHATE ROCK MINED FROM **WESTERN SAHARA** IN 2019

SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA

Mineral
DIAMONDS

PARTLY REGULATED AS CONFLICT MINERAL
by Kimberly Process (international initiative)

DE BEERS (ANGLO AMERICAN)

Largest diamond company in the world in the 20th century

Founded during British Rule of South Africa and established a monopoly based on colonialism, military occupation, and apartheid

Mined from Namibia while it was under South African military occupation (1915–1990), which included the extension of apartheid laws to Namibia

£5 BILLION IN DIAMONDS EXTRACTED FROM A SINGLE DA BEERS MINE IN **NAMIBIA** DURING OCCUPATION

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THE CASE OF PSAGOT WINERY
Psagot Winery is one of 29 wineries operating in illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. It was founded on 80 dunams of stolen Palestinian land in El Bireh, sources grapes from at least five other illegal settlement vineyards, and benefits from Israeli government subsidies. It offers a case study in the international incentive structure fueling the Israeli settlement enterprise, involving political contributions, non-transparent foreign investments and charitable donations, and trade policy.
THE WAR CRIMES
The Israeli settlement enterprise is associated with the following war crimes, defined by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court:
Transfer by an occupying power of parts of its own civilian population (Israeli settlers) into the territory it occupies
Forcible transfer of the population of the occupied territory (Palestinians) within or outside this territory
Pillage (theft) of Palestinian private property and natural resources
Extensive destruction and appropriation of property not justified by military necessity
UNITED STATES
TRADE POLICY
70% OF PSAGOT WINE IS EXPORTED, AND MAY BE DECEPTIVELY LABELED "PRODUCT OF ISRAEL." DUTY FREE AMERICAS SHOPS ARE A KEY SALES POINT.
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
THE FALIC FAMILY DONATED $100,000 TO NETANYAHU AND $1.7 M TO PRO-ISRAEL U.S. POLITICIANS FROM 2000–2019.
THE FALIC FAMILY
U.S. billionaire owners of DUTY FREE AMERICAS, chain of 180+ stores at airports/borders
TURNING WAR CRIMES INTO WINE
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
PSAGOT WINERY
company operating in illegal Israeli settlement
NO TRANSPARENCY
IN 2007, THE FALICS INVESTED $1 M FOR 62% OWNERSHIP OF PSAGOT WINERY VIA A PANAMA SHELL COMPANY.
NORMALIZATION
WITH FALIC INVESTMENT, THE WINERY EXPANDED WITH A NEW VISITOR CENTER, USING TOURISM TO PROMOTE AND NORMALIZE ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS.
PSAGOT WINERY INC.
Falic family's shell company based in Panama
PANAMA (TAX HAVEN)
CHARITABLE FUNDING
THE FALICS CHANNELED $5.6 M IN CHARITABLE FUNDING THROUGH PANAMA COMPANIES TO SETTLEMENT GROUPS (2009–2019).
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HERMES 900
FIELD-TESTED ON PALESTINIANS

The Hermes 900 is a lethal drone manufactured by Elbit Systems and first deployed during Israel's 2014 attack on the besieged Gaza Strip. Elbit supplies 85% of the drones used by the Israeli military for drone strikes and surveillance, resulting in grave human rights violations against Palestinians.

164
PALESTINIAN CHILDREN KILLED
by drone strikes during 2014 Israeli attack on the besieged Gaza Strip

20%
OF ELBIT'S 2018 PROFITS
came from supplying the Israeli military

FIELD-PROVEN
Elbit leverages its close relationship with the Israeli military to market its technology globally

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SKYLARK SERIES

FIELD-TESTED ON PALESTINIANS

The Skylark is a miniature unmanned aerial vehicle used for surveillance and intelligence gathering, resulting in grave human rights violations against Palestinians. Elbit Systems supplies 85% of the drones used by the Israeli military.

350
PALESTINIANS ARRESTED
in Skylark-assisted Israeli night raids during 11-day period in the illegally occupied West Bank in 2014

20%
OF ELBIT'S 2018 PROFITS
came from supplying the Israeli military

14
GOVERNMENTS KNOWN TO HAVE PURCHASED ELBIT DRONES
Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the European Union, Georgia, India, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand, UK-NATO forces, U.S.

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5.56MM BULLET
FIELD-TESTED ON PALESTINIANS

After acquiring Israeli state-owned IMI Systems in 2018, Elbit Systems became the exclusive supplier of small caliber ammunition to the Israeli military, police, and other forces. These munitions have been used to commit grave human rights violations against Palestinians.

6,106
PALESTINIANS STRUCK BY LIVE AMMUNITION
from Israeli sniper fire during Gaza Great March of Return protests in 2018—183 died

20%
OF ELBIT'S 2018 PROFITS
came from supplying the Israeli military

"LEADING LABORATORY FOR THE TESTING OF INFANTRY ASSAULT RIFLE WEAPON SYSTEMS & AMMUNITION"
IMI press release description of the Israeli military in 2018

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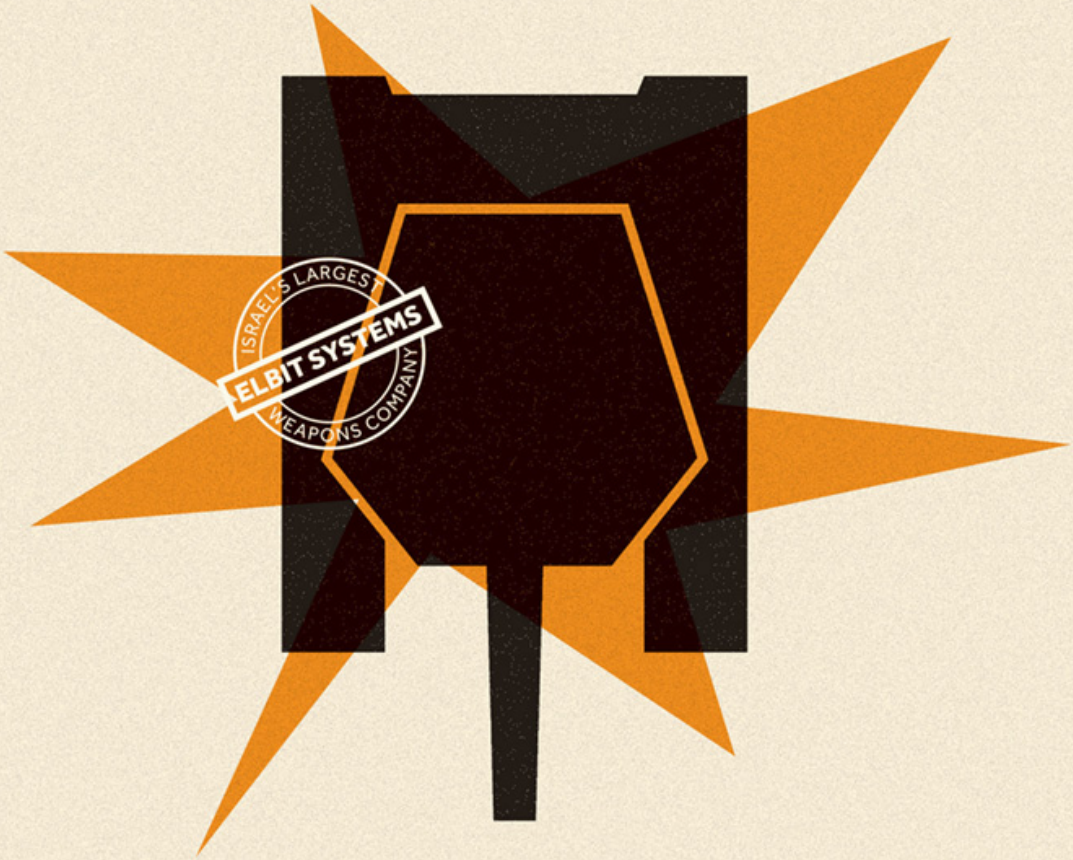

MERKAVA TANK
FIELD-TESTED ON PALESTINIANS

Elbit Systems is responsible for outfitting Israel's tanks, attack aircraft, navy ships, and other weapons platforms. Israel has used these weapons in attacks on densely populated civilian areas, humanitarian delegations, medical facilities, farmers and fishers, and protests, leading to grave human rights violations against Palestinians.

81
CHILDREN KILLED
by Merkava tanks & artillery during 2014 Israeli attack on the besieged Gaza Strip

20%
OF ELBIT'S 2018 PROFITS
came from supplying the Israeli military

MYANMAR (BURMA) BOUGHT ISRAELI GUNBOATS
equipped with Elbit weapon systems during its 2017 genocidal campaign against the Rohingya community

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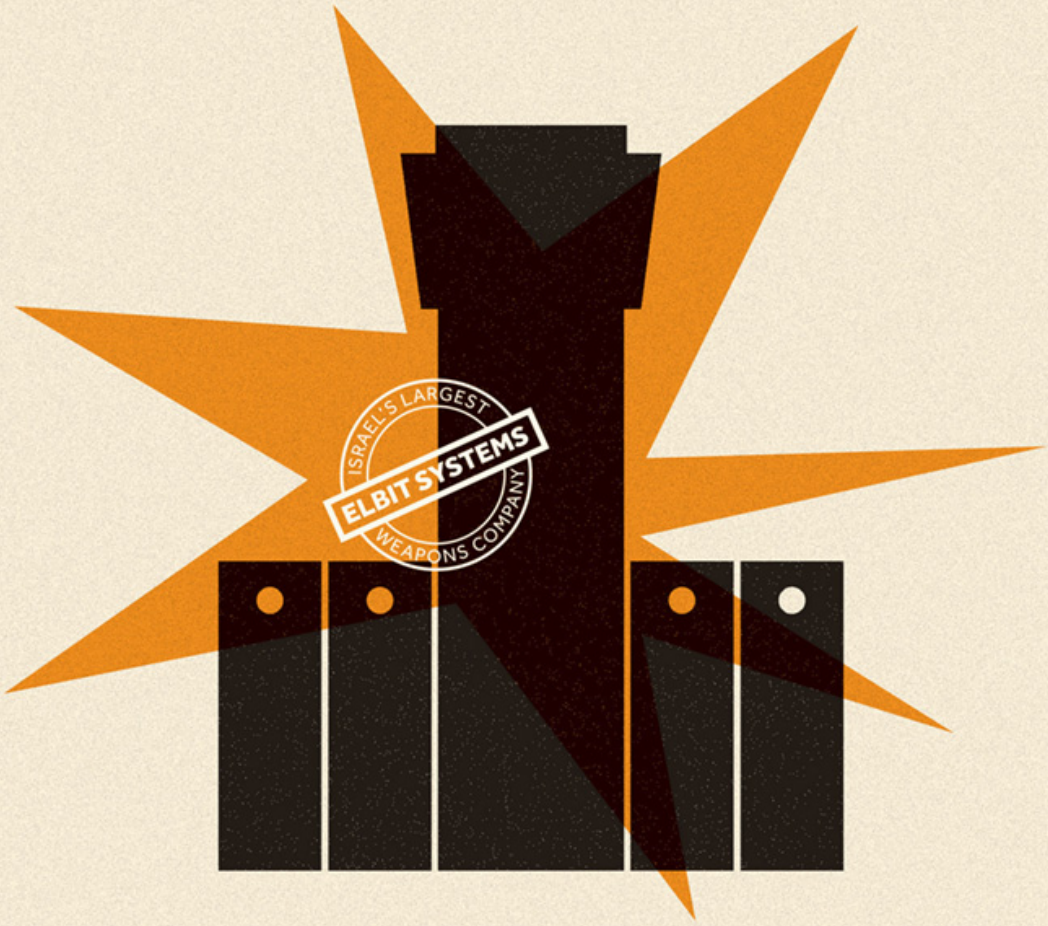

BORDER SURVEILLANCE
FIELD-TESTED ON PALESTINIANS

Elbit Systems applies a web of surveillance technology to maintain Israel's system of spatial segregation and apartheid. Elbit surveillance systems are in place at Israel's illegal wall and military checkpoints in the West Bank, around besieged Gaza, in the illegally occupied Golan Heights, and at Ben Gurion airport.

$82m
COMBINED VALUE OF 3 ISRAELI CONTRACTS
Elbit and its subsidiaries received to install surveillance systems in illegally occupied Jerusalem and the Golan Heights

$68m
VALUE OF THE EU CONTRACT
Elbit received in 2018 to monitor the Mediterranean coastline of "fortress Europe" against migrants

$171m
COMBINED VALUE OF 2 CONTRACTS ELBIT USA RECEIVED
in 2014 and 2019 to install a "virtual wall" of 24/7 surveillance towers in the US border zone of Southern Arizona, including on Indigenous Tohono O'odham Nation land

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2009
Norwegian Government Pension Fund divests from Elbit
2012
Dutch pension fund PFZW and Swedish AP pension funds 1-4 exclude Elbit
2014
Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul ends deal with Elbit
2017
Swedish Bank SEB adds Elbit Systems to its exclusion list
2018
HSBC, largest bank in Europe, sells all Elbit shares
At least 15 pension funds, banks, and other groups have taken action to divest from, exclude, or cancel contracts with Elbit Systems since 2009
HOPE
DESTRUCTION
HOLDING ISRAEL'S ELBIT SYSTEMS TO ACCOUNT
Elbit Systems is Israel's largest weapons company. For decades, the Israeli military has used arms manufactured by Elbit Systems and its subsidiaries to commit serious violations of international law and Palestinian human rights. This visual picks up in 2009, as years of focused collective action made way for divestments from Elbit Systems.
Israel uses Elbit-equipped F16- fighter jets and attack helicopters in assaults on Gaza, killing 1,391 Palestinians, including 344 children
List of Elbit products includes white phosphorus, prohibited for use in civilian areas under international law
Israel tests Elbit's Hermes 900, kills 164 Palestinian children in drone strikes
22% of Elbit's annual profits come from supplying the Israeli military
Israeli snipers strike 6,106 Palestinians with bullets made by Elbit subsidiary IMI Systems during Gaza's Great March of Return
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ISRAEL'S ELBIT SYSTEMS ON THE U.S. SOUTHERN BORDER

In Southern Arizona, since 2014, Israeli weapons giant Elbit Systems has installed a network of 53 surveillance towers up to 160 feet tall. These instruments of human control expand a layered system of U.S. border militarization made up of physical barriers, high-tech security, and armored patrols that lead to serious human rights violations.

KILLING MIGRANTS

3,186 recovered human remains in Arizona, 2000-2019. Most common cause of death: exposure

VIOLATING INDIGENOUS TOHONO O'ODHAM & HIA CED O'ODHAM RIGHTS

Members and rights groups report restricted movement; disruption of cultural/religious practices; persistent surveillance; physical/verbal abuse by border agents

REPRESSING FREE EXPRESSION

Border surveillance tech appropriated to monitor "emerging threat of demonstrations" in San Diego and surveil protesters at Standing Rock

53 TOWERS in Southern Arizona

10 TOWERS on Tohono O'odham land

7/24 SURVEILLANCE

7.5 MI RADIUS CAMERA

13 MI RADIUS RADAR

Tohono O'odham Reservation
ARIZONA USA
SONORA MEXICO
US/Mexico borderline
Border zone extends 100 miles into the US and as far south as Guatemala and Honduras
Traditional Tohono O'odham lands

• Victoria age: 20

• David age: 3

• Jessica age: 14

• Jesus age: 36

1,283 RECOVERED HUMAN REMAINS
of migrants found on Tohono O'odham Reservation, 2001-2019

• = one recovered human remain

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ARIZONA PALESTINE SOLIDARITY ALLIANCE

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LIGHT RAIL **HEAVY LOSSES**

HOW COLLECTIVE ACTION MADE APARTHEID UNPROFITABLE FOR VEOLIA

French multinational corporation Veolia had a stake in the Jerusalem Light Rail, a transit project built to service Israeli settlements, which are illegal under international law. Collective action, induced by the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement, had a multibillion-dollar impact on Veolia, and in 2015, the company sold off all its operations in Israel.

At least..

$11.25B CONTRACTS NOT AWARDED

$10.10B CONTRACTS NOT RENEWED

$1.30M SHARES SOLD

42 ENTITIES TOOK ACTION

$21.35B TOTAL LOSS

2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dublin Tram	Dutch Triodos Bank	Sandwell City Council **$1.43b**	Dublin City Council	Tower Hamlets Council	East Sussex local authorities	Woodland-Davis Clean Water Authority **$0.33b**	Massach-usetts commuter rail **$4.26b**	**VEOLIA SELLS OFF ALL OPERAT-IONS IN ISRAEL**
Dutch ASN Bank		Bordeaux local government **$1.00b**	Donegal County Council	Richmond Council	The Hague	Rennes City Council	University of New Mexico Grad Students	
		Galway City Council	Swansea City Council	South London Waste Partnership **$1.34b**	Quaker Friends Fiduciary Corporation **$0.14m**	Sussex University Union	Kuwaiti Ministry of Commerce & Industry **$0.75b**	
		Victorian State Government **$4.50b**	Cork City Council	East Hants/ Winchester City	Board of Utrecht Regional	Sheffield University	Baltimore City Council **$0.50m**	
		Tehran City Council	Lille Public Transport-ation	Transport & Salaried Staff Association	Canterbury Council **$0.06b**	Queen Mary University Student Union		
		Stockholm City Council **$0.35b**	Caerphilly County Borough Council	Ealing Council **$0.49b**	North London Waste Authority **$6.21b**	St. Louis Water Division **$0.25m**		
			Edinburgh City Council	Cambridge University Students Union		TIAA-CREF Fund **$1.2m**		
				Portsmouth City Council				
				West London Waste Authority **$0.64b**				

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11. BOYCOTT DIVESTMENT & SANCTIONS

Visuals in this section: Palestinians Want Freedom, Justice, and Equality | Boycott | Statesman/Terrorist | Resistance from a Distance | Divesting for Justice (with fossil fuels) | Divesting for Justice (timeline) | Divesting for Justice (Venn) | Academia Serving Apartheid | Love One Another | Musicians Stand for Justice | Musicians' Quotes | Writers Stand for Justice (umbrella version) | Writers' Quotes | Writers Stand for Justice (newspaper version) | Moving the Goalposts | The Team That Could Have Been

“Power concedes nothing without a demand…. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted.

—Frederick Douglass, “If There Is No Struggle, There Is No Progress” (1857)

“We, representatives of Palestinian civil society, call upon international civil society organizations and people of conscience all over the world to impose broad boycotts and implement divestment initiatives against Israel similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era. We appeal to you to pressure your respective states to impose embargoes and sanctions against Israel. We also invite conscientious Israelis to support this Call, for the sake of justice and genuine peace.

—“Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS” (July 9, 2005)

Palestinian resistance to imperial domination has deep roots. Before the Israeli regime took power, groups of Palestinians participated in popular action against Ottoman rule; Napoleon’s French invasion in 1799; Egyptian rule in 1834; and British rule in 1936. Today, the chant “existence is resistance” is a frequent refrain at Palestine solidarity protests, capturing how Palestinians express *sumud* (steadfastness) simply by continuing to practice their culture and livelihoods in the face of erasure. The Palestinian story highlights the enduring will of all human beings to live freely and our collective refusal to accept systems of oppression, however entrenched they may be.

Organized resistance to Israeli settler colonialism and apartheid takes on numerous forms, including mass protests, Nakba commemorations, labor strikes, human rights advocacy, legal advocacy, and armed resistance.

Israel's standard response to all expressions of Palestinian resistance on the ground is collective punishment of the entire population via repressive laws and policies or shows of military might. During the First Intifada, Israeli Minister of Defense Yitzhak Rabin (who became prime minister) ordered Israeli occupation forces to break the bones of protesters.[1] Israeli strategists use the macabre metaphor "mowing the grass" to describe how military operations that devastate Palestinian population centers are viewed as routine to the Israeli military establishment.[2]

Yet Palestinians continue to resist. In 2005, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement gained traction as a strategy for principled, transnational solidarity with Palestinians. More than 170 Palestinian civil society groups came together to call for BDS against Israel until it complies with international law.[3] The BDS movement has three demands, depicted in **Palestinians Want Freedom, Justice, and Equality:** full equality for Palestinian citizens of Israel, an end to Israel's military occupation, and the right of return for Palestinian refugees.

The BDS movement takes inspiration from the boycott of apartheid South Africa, an international movement that spanned more than thirty years. In the case of South Africa, diplomatic, economic, and cultural pressure tactics were embraced by the United Nations, the International Olympic Committee, university administrations, celebrities, and major corporations. In **Boycott,** we look back at this movement's major achievements. The South African anti-apartheid movement was not uncontroversial in its time. Nelson Mandela, for example, was on US terrorist watch lists until 2008 and was imprisoned by the South African apartheid regime for twenty-seven years, as the visual **Statesman/Terrorist** depicts.[4] Other activists, like Oliver Tambo, were forced to organize from exile, as we visualize in **Resistance from a Distance.**

BDS campaigns are not just symbolic; they also target the material conditions and technologies of oppression. Students, academics, labor unions, and faith-based collectives are some of the groups at the forefront of BDS grassroots activism. They are also core users of Visualizing Palestine's

material. In the three-part series **Divesting for Justice,** we look at three student campaigns on North American college campuses: the campaign to divest from South African apartheid, the campaign to divest from Israeli apartheid, and the campaign to divest from fossil fuel companies. This visual is a tool students draw on to contextualize Palestine solidarity actions on campus within the long tradition of student activism for civil and human rights and against war and militarism.

In **Academia Serving Apartheid,** we unpack how Israeli academic institutions play a role in the colonization of Palestine. A growing number of scholars and academic associations, including the American Studies Association, Association for Asian American Studies, Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Peace and Justice Studies Association, National Women's Studies Association, European Association of Social Anthropology, and Middle East Studies Association, have exercised their academic freedom by encouraging their members not to collaborate with or accept funding from these institutions.

In 2009, Palestinian Christians, members of some of the oldest Christian communities in the world, issued the Kairos Document, endorsing BDS and calling on Christians globally "not to offer theological cover-up for the injustice we suffer."[5] In response, faith communities began organizing divestment campaigns. **Love One Another** celebrates the millions of people who belong to a church or denominational group that has responded to Palestinian calls for BDS, practicing a faith oriented toward solidarity with the oppressed and marginalized.

Cultural workers, such as musicians, writers, and athletes, have also participated in BDS, refusing to offer their labor to bolster the image of an apartheid regime. **Musicians Stand for Justice** and **Writers Stand for Justice** celebrate artists who have refused to lend their words, voices, platforms, or talent to apartheid, a list that changes with artists' evolving political positions.

Sports have always been political, a fact recognized by athletes like Tommie Smith, John Carlos, and Muhammad Ali. The actions of

international sports bodies in the wake of the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine further attest to this.[6] Palestinian athletes have called on the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) to sanction the Israel Football Association, which hosts teams and matches in illegal Israeli settlements, mapped in **Moving the Goalposts.** BDS activists have used **The Team That Could Have Been** to call for a boycott of PUMA until it withdraws its sponsorship of the Israel Football Association.

Even when BDS campaigns do not reach their goals, they force people in places of power to take a position on Palestine—in boardrooms, on college campuses, in city council meetings, and in the press. Many of these people would prefer to avoid or silence the issue, calling it "divisive," a word that BDS cofounder Omar Barghouti observes "tends to pop up all over the world whenever marginalized people fight for their rights."[7] But when oppression itself is not labeled divisive, BDS campaigns are a source of hope, an open window in a room of closed doors. And they embody a principled form of transnational solidarity that is transformative because it is rooted in strategies for mutual survival.

PALESTINIANS WANT FREEDOM, JUSTICE & EQUALITY
The vast majority of Palestinians support the three rights-based demands of the BDS movement, as founded in international law.
1.6m
Palestinian citizens of Israel
1 EQUAL RIGHTS
Palestinian citizens of Israel demand full equality with their fellow Jewish citizens.
4.8m
Palestinians in West Bank & Gaza Strip
2 AN END TO OCCUPATION
Palestinians under occupation demand a complete Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.
6.4m
Palestinians living in exile
3 RETURN OF REFUGEES
Palestinian refugees demand their legal and moral right to return to their homes.
100k displaced by Israel
100k never displaced
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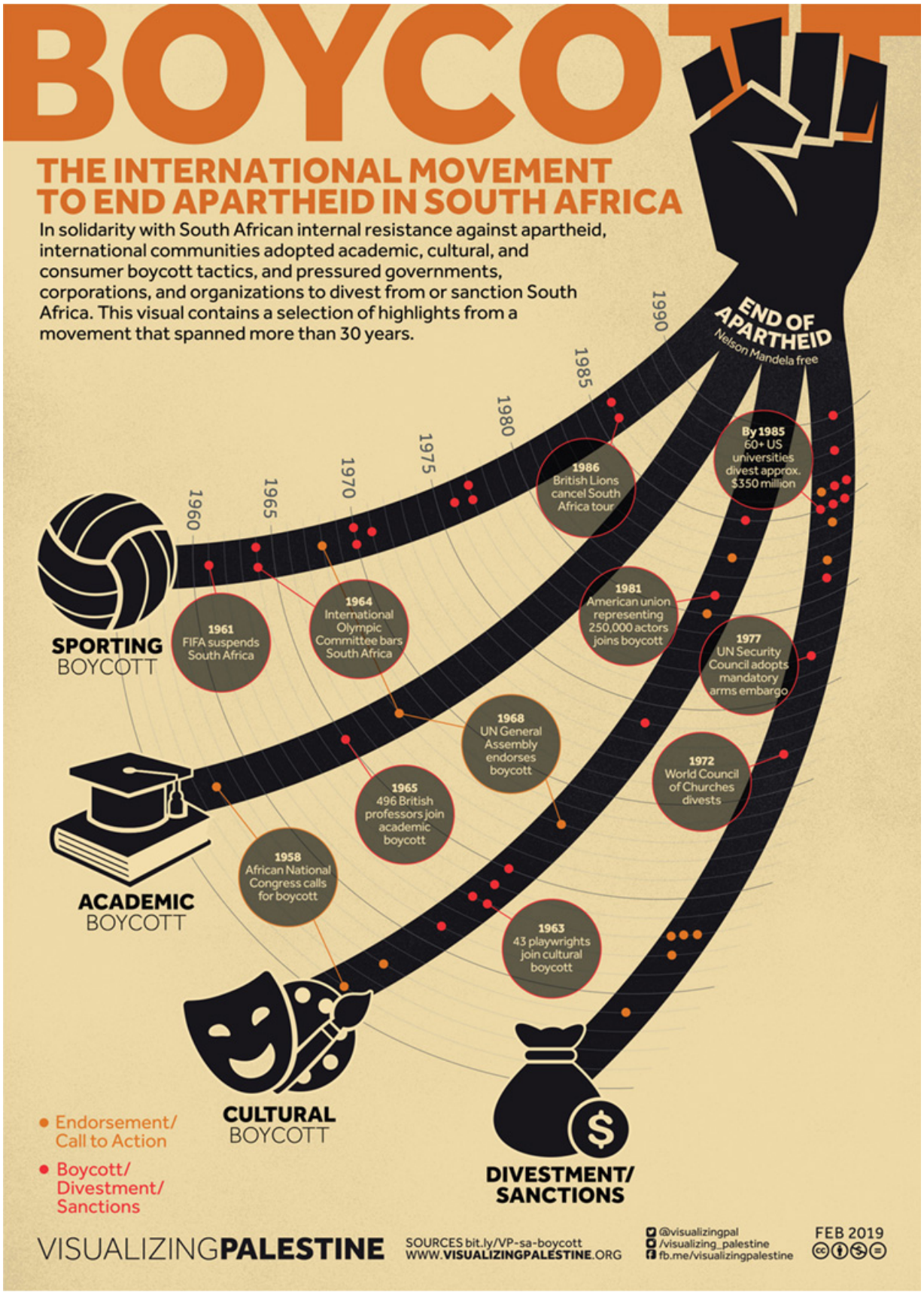
BOYCOTT
THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT TO END APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA
In solidarity with South African internal resistance against apartheid, international communities adopted academic, cultural, and consumer boycott tactics, and pressured governments, corporations, and organizations to divest from or sanction South Africa. This visual contains a selection of highlights from a movement that spanned more than 30 years.
1960
1965
1970
1975
1980
1985
1990
END OF APARTHEID
Nelson Mandela free
SPORTING BOYCOTT
1961 FIFA suspends South Africa
1964 International Olympic Committee bars South Africa
1986 British Lions cancel South Africa tour
By 1985 60+ US universities divest approx. $350 million
1981 American union representing 250,000 actors joins boycott
1977 UN Security Council adopts mandatory arms embargo
ACADEMIC BOYCOTT
1958 African National Congress calls for boycott
1965 496 British professors join academic boycott
1968 UN General Assembly endorses boycott
1972 World Council of Churches divests
CULTURAL BOYCOTT
1963 43 playwrights join cultural boycott
DIVESTMENT/ SANCTIONS
Endorsement/ Call to Action
Boycott/ Divestment/ Sanctions
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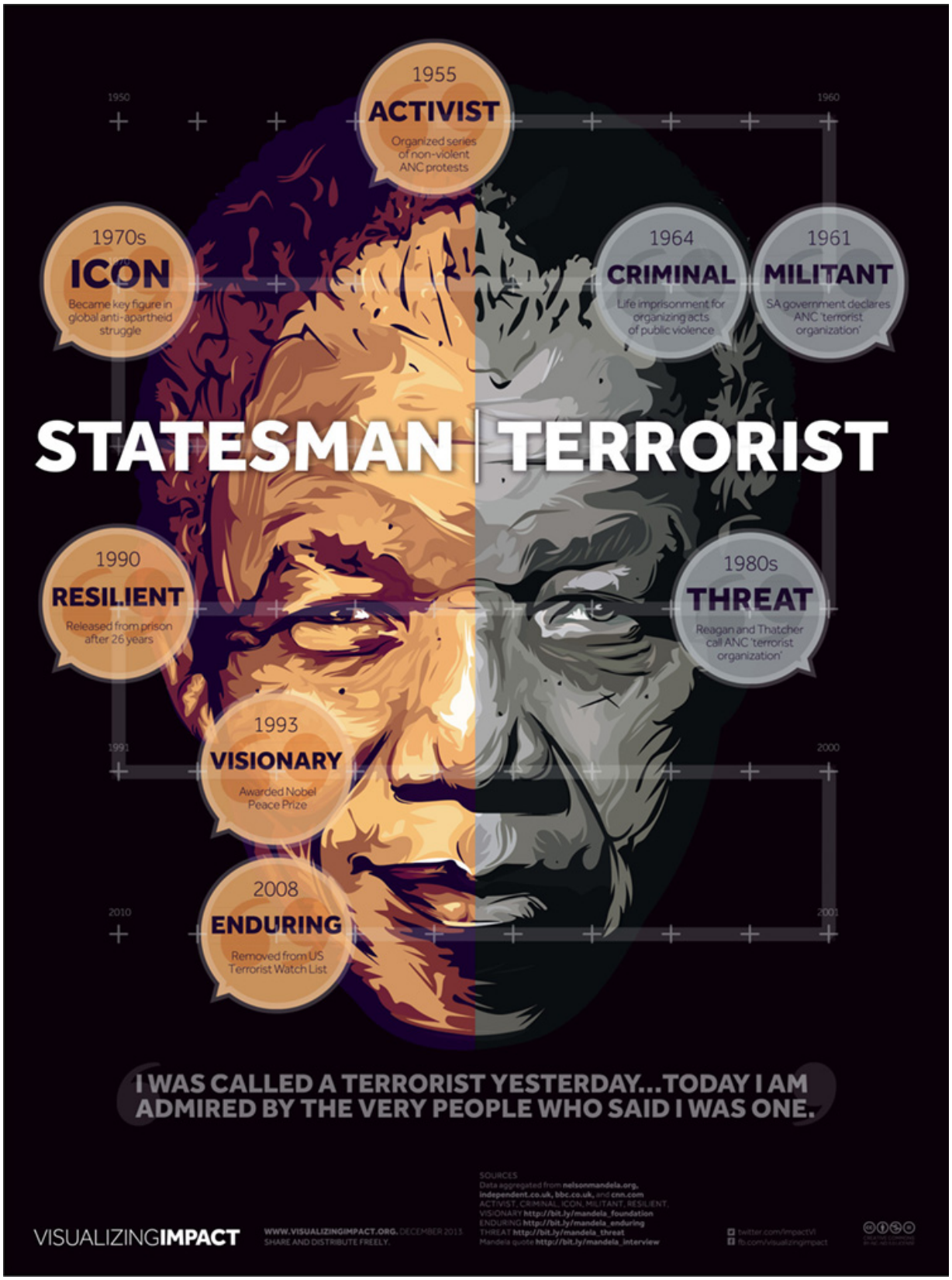
1955
ACTIVIST
Organized series of non-violent ANC protests
1950
1960
1970s
ICON
Became key figure in global anti-apartheid struggle
1964
CRIMINAL
Life imprisonment for organizing acts of public violence
1961
MILITANT
SA government declares ANC 'terrorist organization'
STATESMAN | TERRORIST
1990
RESILIENT
Released from prison after 26 years
1980s
THREAT
Reagan and Thatcher call ANC 'terrorist organization'
1993
VISIONARY
Awarded Nobel Peace Prize
1991
2000
2008
ENDURING
Removed from US Terrorist Watch List
2010
2001
I WAS CALLED A TERRORIST YESTERDAY...TODAY I AM ADMIRED BY THE VERY PEOPLE WHO SAID I WAS ONE.
SOURCES
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ACTIVIST, CRIMINAL, ICON, MILITANT, RESILIENT,
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1965
1970
1975
1980
1985
1990
Exile
Return
SOUTH AFRICA
RESISTANCE FROM A DISTANCE
OLIVER TAMBO'S JOURNEY TO END APARTHEID FROM EXILE
During 30 years of exile, South African activist and politician Oliver Tambo played an influential role in publicizing the anti-apartheid message and shaping public opinion. He traveled to more than 30 countries to meet with heads of state, give influential speeches and radio addresses, and mobilize grassroots resistance across boundaries of geography, race, and class.
"In South Africa we have benefited and drawn strength from the victories of struggling peoples throughout the world. Today we extend our solidarity to all these friends throughout the world - in Asia, in Africa, in Europe and Latin America." Oliver Tambo, September 13, 1980
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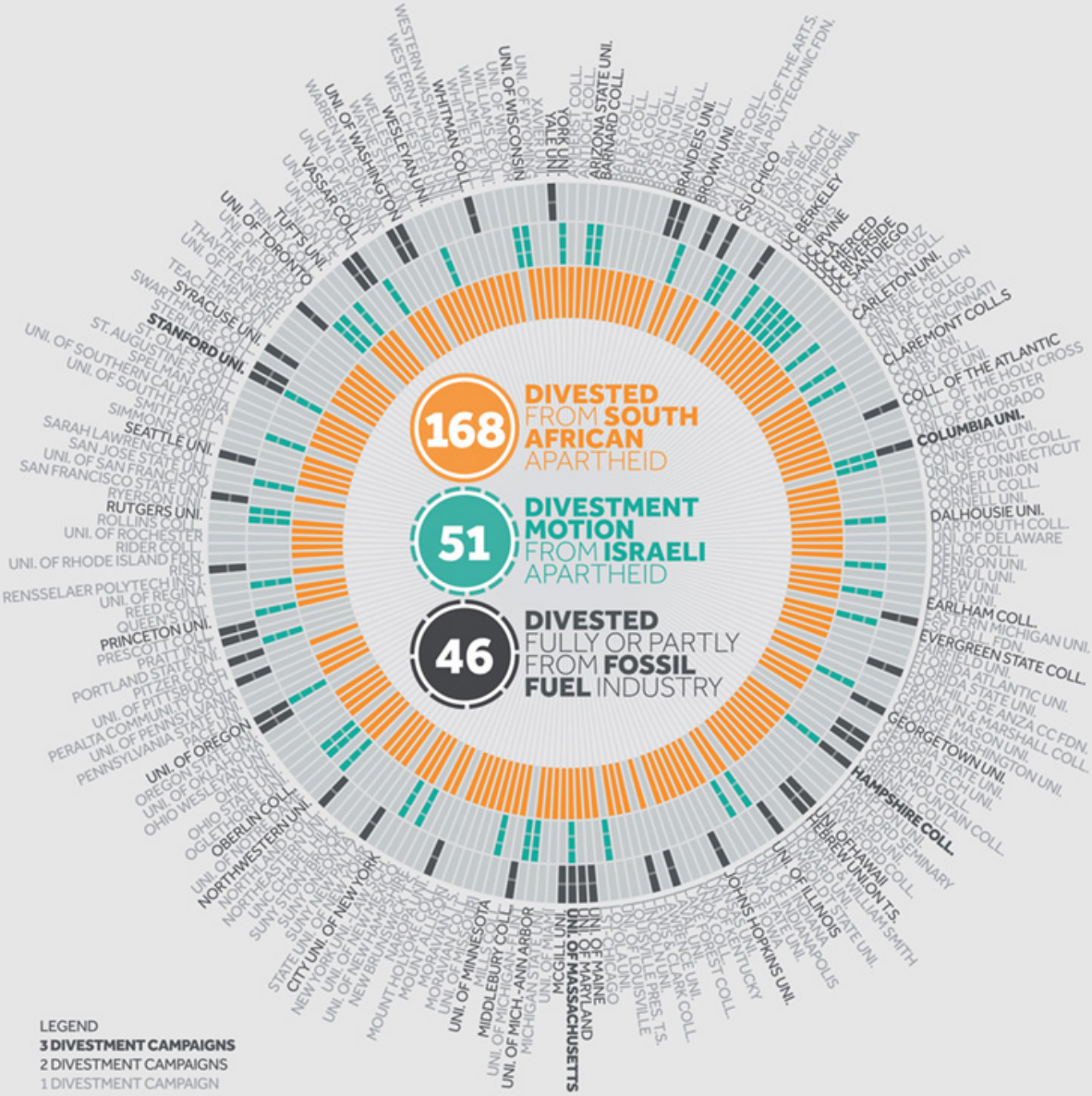
DIVESTING FOR JUSTICE

COLLEGE DIVESTMENT MOVEMENTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL AND FOSSIL FUELS

Boycotts and divestments have long been recognized as a legitimate and effective means to protest injustice. Today, many of the same North American colleges that divested from South African apartheid are seeing active student movements to divest from fossil fuels and Israeli apartheid.



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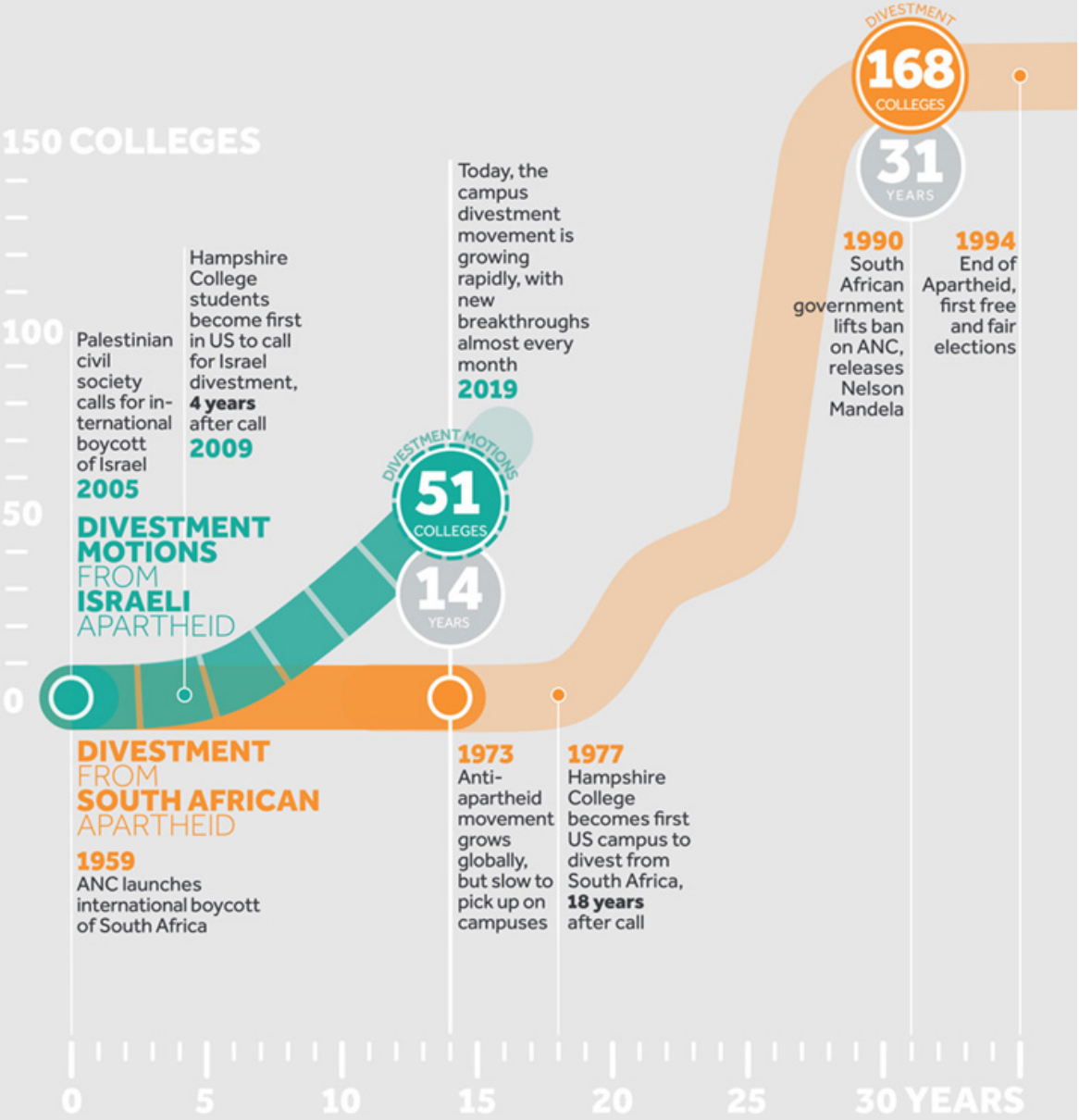
DIVESTING FOR JUSTICE

COLLEGE DIVESTMENTS AND DIVESTMENT MOTIONS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL

Boycotts and divestments have long been recognized as a legitimate and effective means to protest injustice. This visual contrasts some of the major milestones in the history of North American campus divestment from South African apartheid with the growing movement to divest from Israeli Apartheid.



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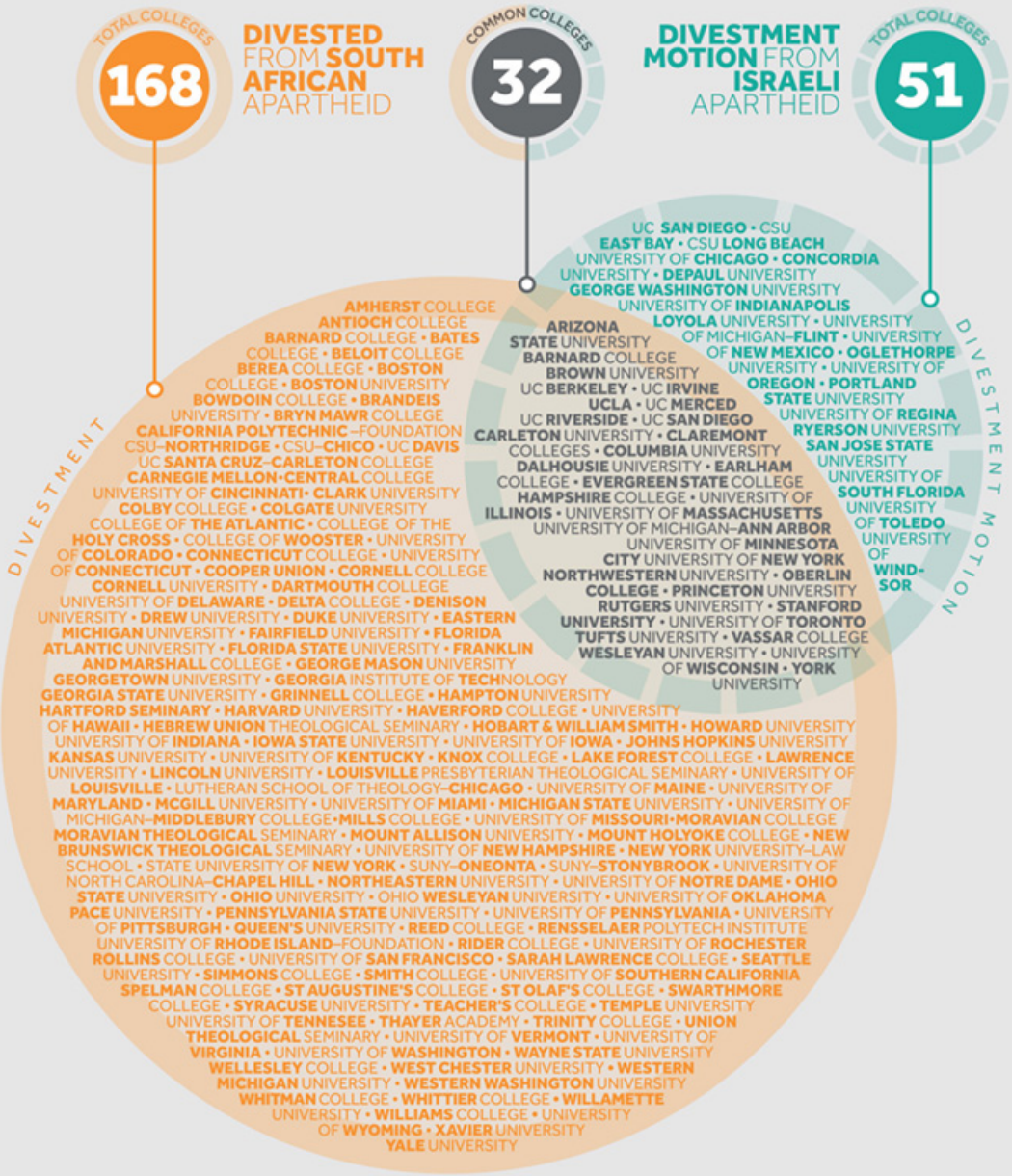
DIVESTING FOR JUSTICE

COLLEGE DIVESTMENTS AND DIVESTMENT MOTIONS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL

Boycotts and divestments have long been recognized as a legitimate and effective means to protest injustice. Today, many of the same North American colleges that boycotted South African apartheid have had official student bodies pass motions to divest from Israeli apartheid, highlighting the power of precedence.


TOTAL COLLEGES
168
DIVESTED FROM SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID
COMMON COLLEGES
32
DIVESTMENT MOTION FROM ISRAELI APARTHEID
TOTAL COLLEGES
51
DIVESTMENT
DIVESTMENT MOTION
AMHERST COLLEGE
ANTIOCH COLLEGE
BARNARD COLLEGE • BATES COLLEGE • BELOIT COLLEGE
BEREA COLLEGE • BOSTON COLLEGE • BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BOWDOIN COLLEGE • BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC–FOUNDATION
CSU–NORTHRIDGE • CSU–CHICO • UC DAVIS
UC SANTA CRUZ–CARLETON COLLEGE
CARNEGIE MELLON•CENTRAL COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI• CLARK UNIVERSITY
COLBY COLLEGE • COLGATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC • COLLEGE OF THE
HOLY CROSS • COLLEGE OF WOOSTER • UNIVERSITY
OF COLORADO • CONNECTICUT COLLEGE • UNIVERSITY
OF CONNECTICUT • COOPER UNION • CORNELL COLLEGE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY • DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE • DELTA COLLEGE • DENISON
UNIVERSITY • DREW UNIVERSITY • DUKE UNIVERSITY • EASTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY • FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY • FLORIDA
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CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY • STANFORD
UNIVERSITY • UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TUFTS UNIVERSITY • VASSAR COLLEGE
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OF WISCONSIN • YORK
UNIVERSITY
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OREGON • PORTLAND
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APARTHEID
Israeli universities maintain exceptionally close ties with the state's military establishment and corporate weapons manufacturers, and contribute to ongoing colonial violence and violations of Palestinian rights. This includes hosting military-sponsored programs, suppressing criticism of Israeli policies, and developing weapons technologies that are exported worldwide.
Palestinian activists are calling for a boycott of complicit Israeli academic institutions, as part of a broader movement to pressure Israel to comply with international law.
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Israeli universities host propaganda initiatives and repress criticism of Israel

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HAIFA UNIVERSITY

Revoked the degree of an MA student who researched the 1948 massacre of Palestinians in Tantura, emblematic of wider repression of critical research and expression at Israeli universities.

Hosts the Ambassadors Online program that trains students to become "digital advocates for Israel"

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY HEADS IN ISRAEL

Spearheads and coordinates intiatives against the Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement for justice and equality

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Israeli universities develop military theory and promote the growth of Israeli surveillance and weapons industries

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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Develops military strategies such as the Dahiya Doctrine, which calls for disproportionate force and targeting civilian infrastructure to impose "long and expensive reconstruction processes"

TECHNION

Hosts a venture capital fund in partnership with the Israeli secret service (Shin Bet) to incubate start-up companies that specialize in surveillance technologies and artificial intelligence

Offers a program focused on branding and promoting the Israeli arms industry to international audiences

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Israeli universities benefit from close relationships with the military and multinational weapons companies

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BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY & TECHNION

Work with the Israeli military to develop unmanned combat vehicles and heavy machinery used to commit war crimes such as home demolitions

TECHNION, BAR-ILAN, & BEN GURION UNIVERSITIES

Participate in a robotics project funded by the Israeli Ministry of Defense and United States Department of Defense, an example of military priorities dictating academic research

TECHNION

Partners with arms developers such as Elbit and Rafael, whose weapons and surveillance technologies are tested on Palestinians and exported globally

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Israeli universities cater to military recruitment and training

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TEL AVIV, HEBREW, HAIFA, & BEN GURION UNIVERSITIES
Offered special benefits and scholarships to student-soldiers who participated in the 2014 military assault on Gaza

HAIFA UNIVERSITY
Hosts three military training colleges, enrolls the largest number of Israeli military and security personnel, and offers a Bachelor's program tailored for the Israeli navy

HEBREW UNIVERSITY
Hosts the Israeli military's Talpiot and Havatzalot programs, which recruit students into elite military units and the intelligence corps

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Israeli universities participate in colonization of Palestinian lands and forced displacement of Palestinian communities

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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY
Built on top of the depopulated Palestinian village of Sheikh Muwannis; suppresses commemoration of the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in 1948

HEBREW UNIVERSITY
Situated in occupied East Jerusalem on confiscated land; collaborates with Israeli police in the surveillance and harrassment of the Palestinian neighborhood of Isawiyah

ARIEL UNIVERSITY
Located in Ariel, an illegal Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank

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Palestinian students, faculty, and staff at Israeli universities experience racism and discrimination
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PALESTINIAN STUDENTS
In 2022, two Palestinian students at Hebrew University were arrested by off-duty police officers and suspended from campus for singing Arabic folk songs
40% of polled Palestinian students report experiencing racism from faculty; students have been denied access to scholarships or campus housing due to not serving in the Israeli military
PALESTINIAN FACULTY
20% of citizens of Israel are Palestinian, yet in 2020 Palestinians made up less than 4% of faculty at Israeli-accredited universities
PALESTINIAN STAFF
In 2016, Tel Aviv University banned staff at its tuition call center from speaking Arabic on calls
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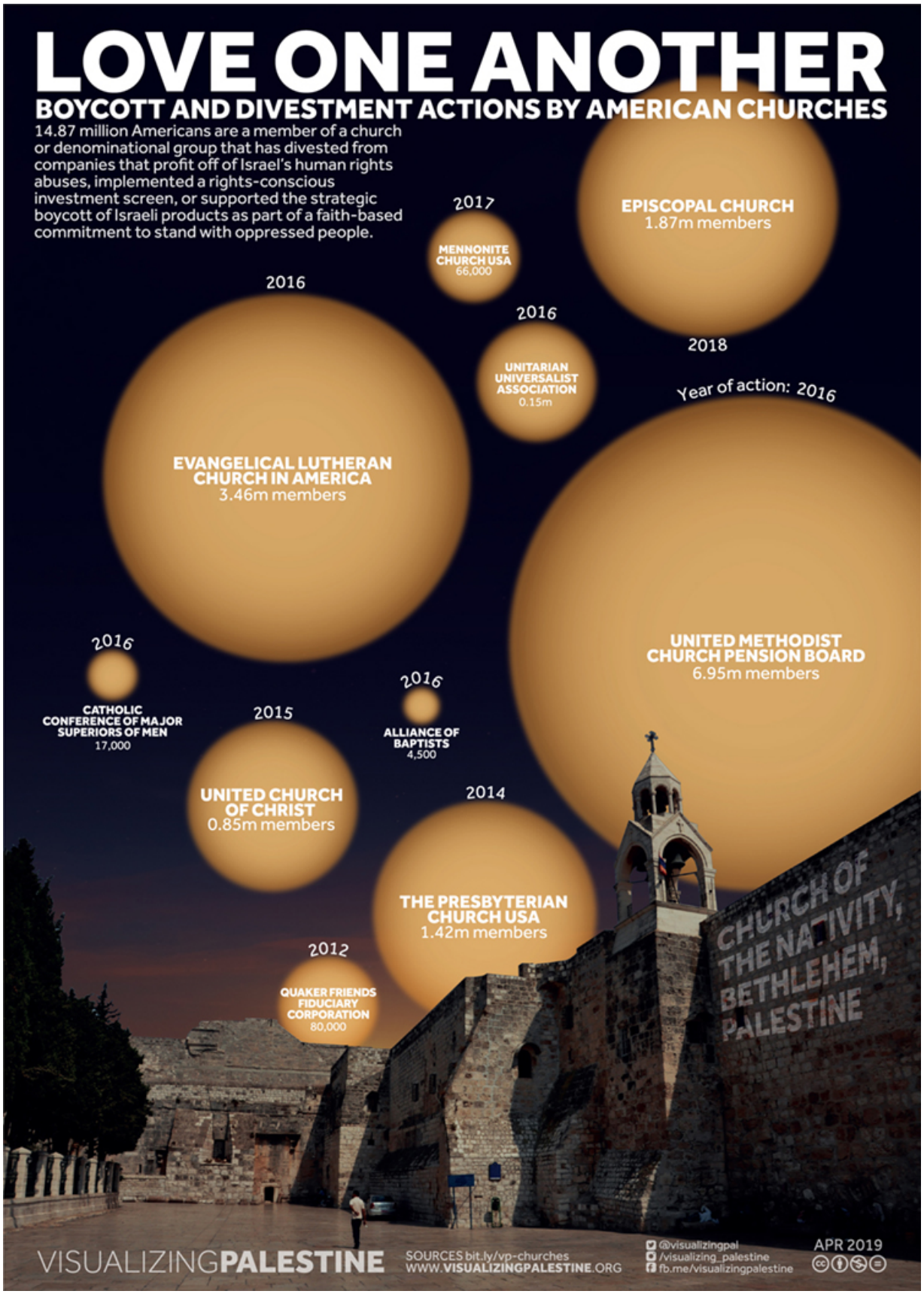
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
BOYCOTT AND DIVESTMENT ACTIONS BY AMERICAN CHURCHES
14.87 million Americans are a member of a church or denominational group that has divested from companies that profit off of Israel's human rights abuses, implemented a rights-conscious investment screen, or supported the strategic boycott of Israeli products as part of a faith-based commitment to stand with oppressed people.
2017
MENNONITE CHURCH USA
66,000
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1.87m members
2016
2016
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION
0.15m
2018
Year of action: 2016
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
3.46m members
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PENSION BOARD
6.95m members
2016
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF MAJOR SUPERIORS OF MEN
17,000
2016
ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS
4,500
2015
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
0.85m members
2014
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA
1.42m members
2012
QUAKER FRIENDS FIDUCIARY CORPORATION
80,000
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE
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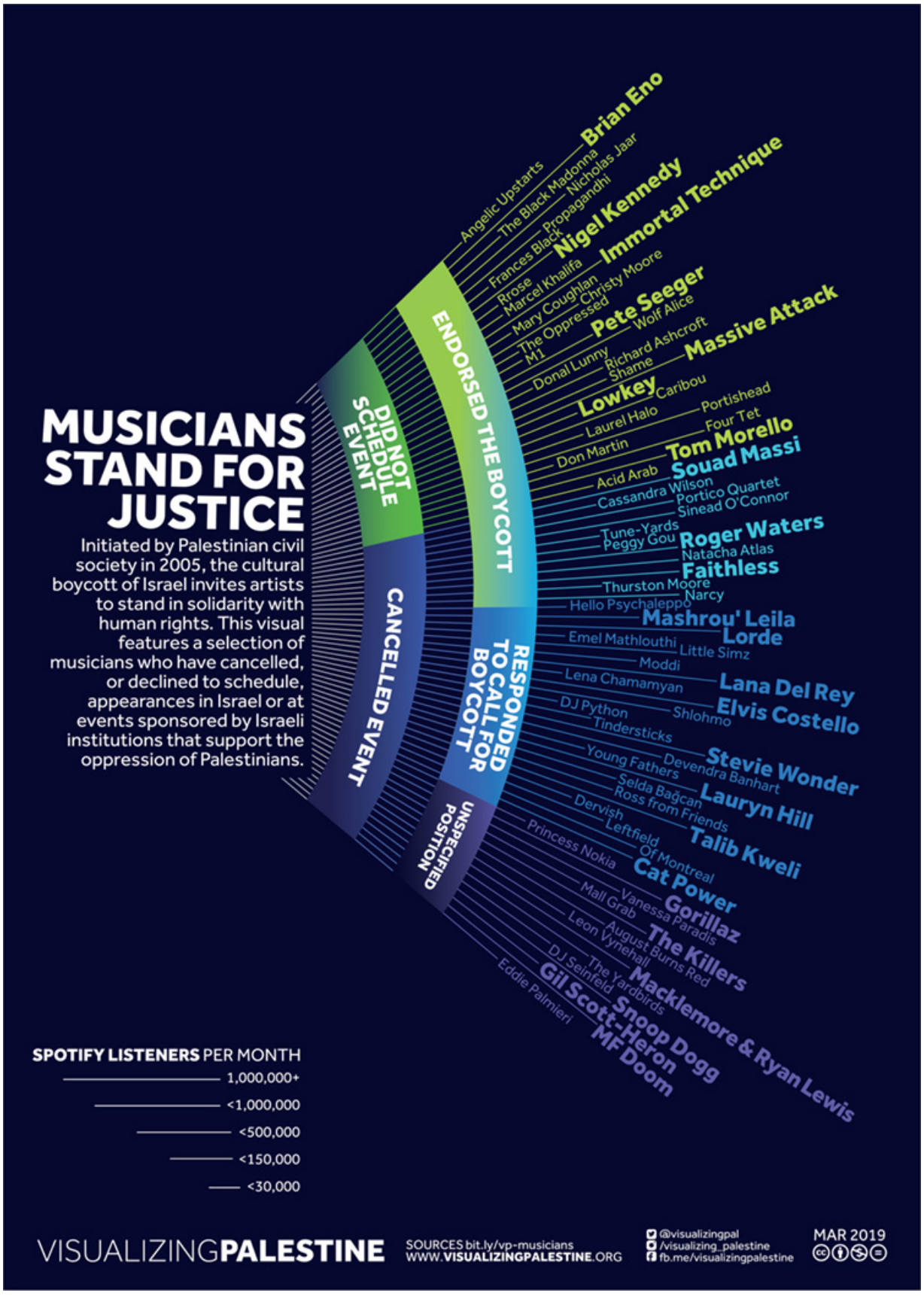
MUSICIANS STAND FOR JUSTICE
Initiated by Palestinian civil society in 2005, the cultural boycott of Israel invites artists to stand in solidarity with human rights. This visual features a selection of musicians who have cancelled, or declined to schedule, appearances in Israel or at events sponsored by Israeli institutions that support the oppression of Palestinians.
DID NOT SCHEDULE EVENT
ENDORSED THE BOYCOTT
CANCELLED EVENT
RESPONDED TO CALL FOR BOYCOTT
UNSPECIFIED POSITION
Angelic Upstarts
Brian Eno
The Black Madonna
Nicholas Jaar
Frances Black
Propagandhi
Nigel Kennedy
Rrose
Marcel Khalifa
Immortal Technique
Mary Coughlan
Christy Moore
The Oppressed
M1
Pete Seeger
Wolf Alice
Donal Lunny
Richard Ashcroft
Shame
Massive Attack
Lowkey
Laurel Halo
Caribou
Don Martin
Portishead
Four Tet
Acid Arab
Tom Morello
Souad Massi
Cassandra Wilson
Portico Quartet
Sinead O'Connor
Tune-Yards
Peggy Gou
Roger Waters
Natacha Atlas
Faithless
Thurston Moore
Narcy
Hello Psychaleppo
Mashrou' Leila
Lorde
Emel Mathlouthi
Little Simz
Moddi
Lena Chamamyan
Lana Del Rey
Elvis Costello
DJ Python
Shlohmo
Tindersticks
Stevie Wonder
Young Fathers
Devendra Banhart
Selda Bağcan
Lauryn Hill
Ross from Friends
Dervish
Talib Kweli
Leftfield
Of Montreal
Princess Nokia
Cat Power
Vanessa Paradis
Mall Grab
Gorillaz
August Burns Red
Leon Vynehall
The Killers
The Yardbirds
DJ Seinfeld
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
Eddie Palmieri
Gil Scott-Heron
Snoop Dogg
MF Doom
SPOTIFY LISTENERS PER MONTH
1,000,000+
<1,000,000
<500,000
<150,000
<30,000
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WE ARE RIGHT TO
REFUSE TO PLAY IN ISRAEL
UNTIL THE DAY COMES
-AND IT SURELY WILL COME-
WHEN THE WALL OF OCCUPATION FALLS
AND PALESTINIANS LIVE ALONGSIDE ISRAELIS IN THE
PEACE, FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND DIGNITY
THAT THEY ALL DESERVE
-Roger Waters
In March 2011, Roger Waters publicly endorsed the BDS movement in an article for the Guardian.
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I HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO PERFORM
IN A COUNTRY WHICH MURDERS SMALL CHILDREN
-Souad Massi
In August 2014, Souad Massi reiterated her support for the BDS movement and announced her refusal to play in Israel.
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I NOW SEE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE
A STATEMENT TO NOT GO TO ISRAEL
UNTIL THIS SYSTEMISED APARTHEID
IS ABOLISHED ONCE AND FOR ALL
- Natacha Atlas
In September 2011, Natacha Atlas canceled her performance in Israel and endorsed the BDS movement.
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WHILE HUMAN BEINGS ARE BEING WILFULLY DENIED
NOT JUST THEIR RIGHTS BUT THEIR NEEDS
FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDPARENTS AND THEMSELVES
I FEEL DEEPLY THAT I SHOULD NOT
BE SENDING EVEN TACIT SIGNALS
THAT THIS IS 'NORMAL' OR 'OK'
-Maxi Jazz, Faithless
In August 2010, Faithless frontman Maxi Jazz cited Israel's denial of rights as the reason for his band's refusal to play in Israel.
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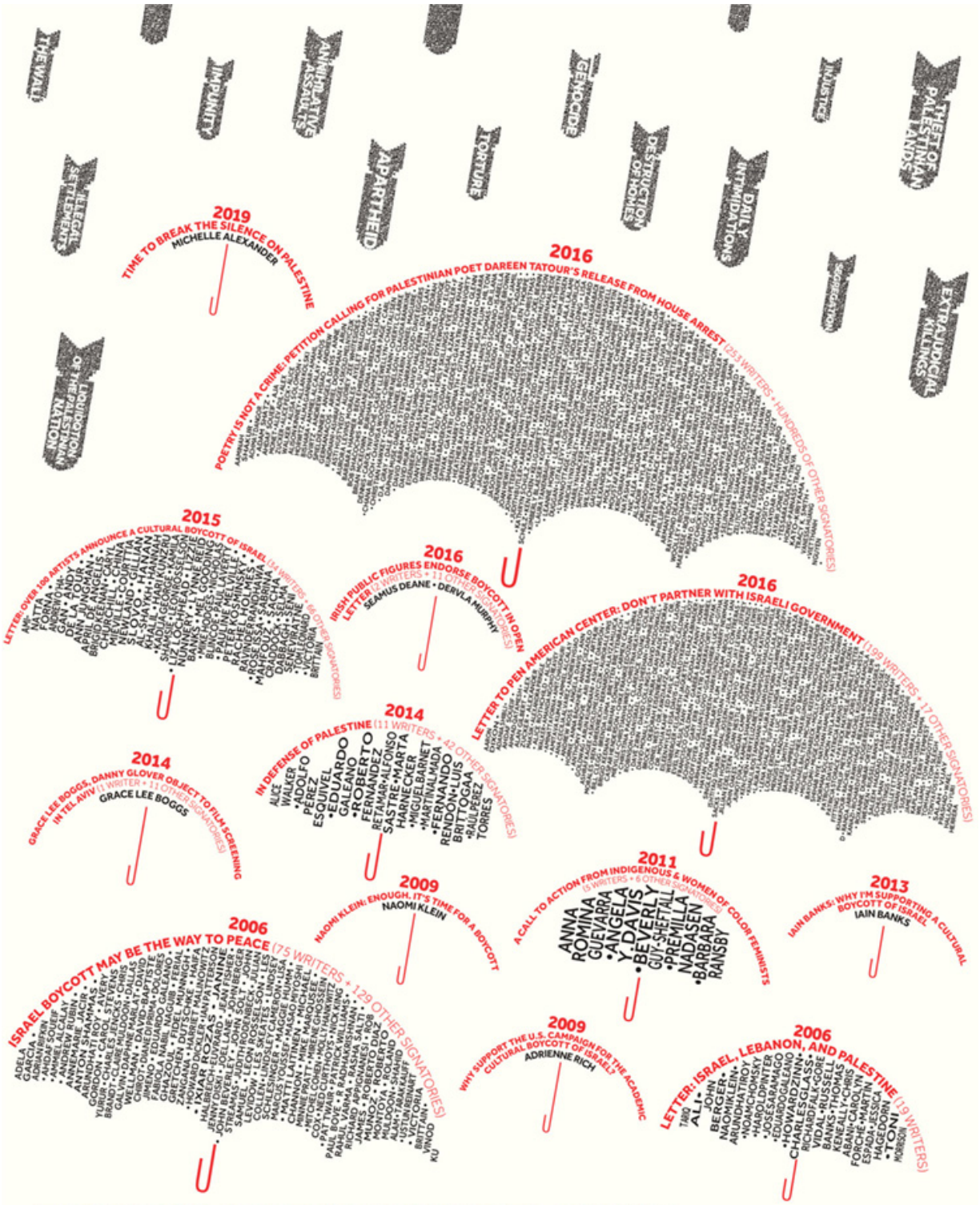
THE WALL
IMPUNITY
ANNEXATIVE ASSAULTS
APARTHEID
TORTURE
GENOCIDE
DESTRUCTION OF HOMES
DAILY INTIMIDATIONS
INJUSTICE
THEFT OF PALESTINIAN LANDS
ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS
OCCUPATION
EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS
OF THE PALESTINIAN NATION
2019
TIME TO BREAK THE SILENCE ON PALESTINE
MICHELLE ALEXANDER
2016
POETRY IS NOT A CRIME: PETITION CALLING FOR PALESTINIAN POET DAREEN TATOUR'S RELEASE FROM HOUSE ARREST (253 WRITERS + HUNDREDS OF OTHER SIGNATORIES)
2015
LETTER: OVER 100 ARTISTS ANNOUNCE A CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (34 WRITERS + 66 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
2016
IRISH PUBLIC FIGURES ENDORSE BOYCOTT IN OPEN LETTER (12 WRITERS + 17 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
SEAMUS DEANE • DERVLA MURPHY
2016
LETTER TO PEN AMERICAN CENTER: DON'T PARTNER WITH ISRAELI GOVERNMENT (199 WRITERS + 17 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
2014
IN DEFENSE OF PALESTINE (11 WRITERS + 42 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
ALICE WALKER • ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL • EDUARDO GALEANO • ROBERTO FERNÁNDEZ RETAMAR • ALFONSO SASTRE • MARTA HARNECKER • MIGUEL BARNET • MARTÍN MADA • FERNANDO RENDÓN • LUIS BRITTO GARCÍA • RAÚL PÉREZ TORRES
2014
GRACE LEE BOGGS, DANNY GLOVER OBJECT TO FILM SCREENING IN TEL AVIV (1 WRITER + 11 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
GRACE LEE BOGGS
2011
A CALL TO ACTION FROM INDIGENOUS & WOMEN OF COLOR FEMINISTS (5 WRITERS + 6 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
ANNA ROMINA GUEVARA • ANGELA Y. DAVIS • BEVERLY GUY-SHEFTALL • PREMILLA NADASEN • BARBARA RANSBY
2013
IAIN BANKS: WHY I'M SUPPORTING A CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL
IAIN BANKS
2009
NAOMI KLEIN: ENOUGH. IT'S TIME FOR A BOYCOTT
NAOMI KLEIN
2006
ISRAEL BOYCOTT MAY BE THE WAY TO PEACE (75 WRITERS + 129 OTHER SIGNATORIES)
2009
WHY SUPPORT THE U.S. CAMPAIGN FOR THE ACADEMIC CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL?
ADRIENNE RICH
2006
LETTER: ISRAEL, LEBANON, AND PALESTINE (19 WRITERS)
ALI • JOHN BERGER • NAOMI KLEIN • ARUNDHATI ROY • NOAM CHOMSKY • HAROLD PINTER • JOSE SARAMAGO • EDUARDO GALEANO • HOWARD ZINN • CHARLES GLASS • VIDAL • ALICE WALKER • RICHARD FALK • NAOMI KLEIN • RUSSELL BANKS • THOMAS KENEALLY • CHRIS ABANI • CAROLYN FORCHÉ • MARILYN ESPADA • JESSICA HAGEDORN • TONI MORRISON

THIS VISUAL CONTAINS THE NAMES OF OVER 500 WRITERS WHO HAVE TAKEN A STAND FOR PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

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THE BDS CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS ONE I WOULD HOPE ANY DECENT, OPEN-MINDED PERSON WOULD SUPPORT ... THESE PEOPLE ARE OUR PEOPLE, AND COLLECTIVELY WE HAVE TURNED OUR BACKS ON THEIR SUFFERING FOR FAR TOO LONG.
IAIN BANKS
Science fiction writer, The Wasp Factory
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OVER THE DECADES THERE HAVE BEEN UPRISINGS, WARS, INTIFADAS. TENS OF THOUSANDS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. ACCORDS AND TREATIES HAVE BEEN SIGNED, CEASEFIRES DECLARED AND VIOLATED. BUT THE BLOODSHED DOESN'T END. PALESTINE STILL

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IT'S TIME. LONG PAST TIME. THE BEST STRATEGY TO END THE INCREASINGLY BLOODY OCCUPATION IS FOR ISRAEL TO BECOME THE TARGET OF THE KIND OF GLOBAL MOVEMENT THAT PUT AN END TO APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.
NAOMI KLEIN
New York Times bestselling author, No Logo
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TO SPEND THEIR ENTIRE
LIVES NEGOTIATING
WHAT SHOULD NOT
BE MATTERS FOR
NEGOTIATION AT ALL:
FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT,
THE RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION,
EQUAL PROTECTION
UNDER THE LAW.
TEJU COLE
Author, Open City
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TO TAKE THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT'S
MONEY, TO TREAT
IT AS A CIVILISED
SUPPORTER OF
ART AND CULTURE,
WHILE IT KILLS AND
TORTURES AND
SEGREGATES, IS TO
AID AND ABET IT IN
ITS CRIMES.
AHDAF SOUEIF
Author, In the Eye of the Sun
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WE MUST CONDEMN
ISRAEL'S ACTIONS:

UNRELENTING VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK, EAST JERUSALEM, AND GAZA, HOME DEMOLITIONS AND LAND CONFISCATIO-NS. WE MUST CRY OUT AT THE TREATMENT OF PALESTINIANS...
MICHELLE ALEXANDER
Author, The New Jim Crow
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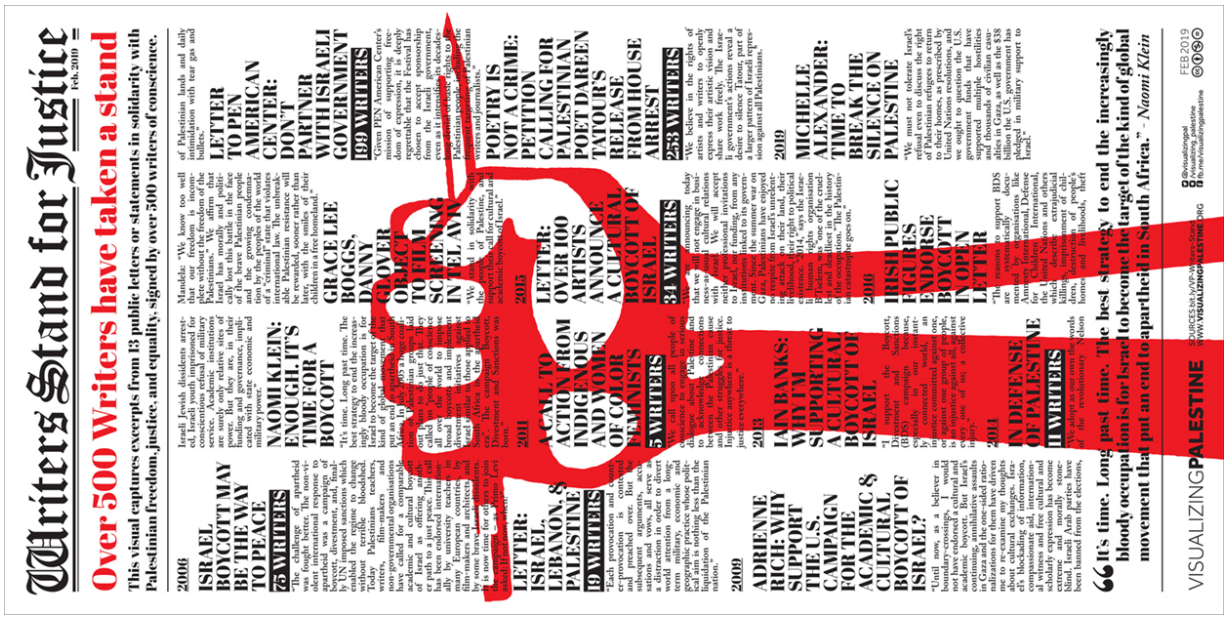
Writers Stand for Justice
Over 500 Writers have taken a stand
This visual captures excerpts from 13 public letters or statements in solidarity with Palestinian freedom, justice, and equality, signed by over 500 writers of conscience.
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76 WRITERS
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"It's time. Long past time. The best strategy to end the increasingly bloody occupation is for Israel to become the target of global movement that put an end to apartheid in South Africa." - Naomi Klein
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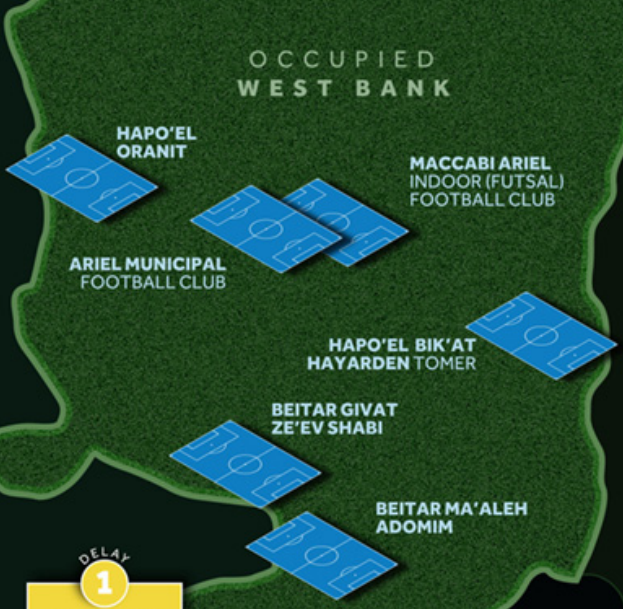
MOVING THE GOALPOSTS
DELAYING PALESTINIAN FOOTBALL JUSTICE

ISRAELI ILLEGAL PITCHES

Under FIFA rules, national football associations are not allowed to host matches on another member's territory without permission. FIFA has repeatedly failed to enforce this law in the case of Israel, whose football association gives membership status to six clubs who play in illegal settlements built on stolen Palestinian land.



RUSSIAN FOOTBALL UNION OUT OF CRIMEA

FIFA has taken action against other occupying powers, banning Russia from organizing matches in Crimea without the agreement of Ukraine.

DELAY 1
MAY 2015
Instead of directly applying its rules against Israeli settlement teams, FIFA formsacommittee to consider the issue.

DELAY 2
MAY 2016
The committee receives an extension of its one-year mandate.

DELAY 3
OCT 2016
The FIFA Council convenes and postpones a decision on settlement teams until the next meeting.

DELAY 4
JAN 2017
FIFA again postpones decision at the Council meeting.

DELAY 5
MAY 2017
At FIFA Congress, FIFA President blocks motion against settlement clubs and pushes through proposal delaying action again.

FIFA DELAY TACTICS

"... it's not clear why FIFA needs yet another year to decide whether or not to follow its own rules."
—Human Rights Watch

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SOURCES http://bit.ly/vp-fifa
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SEP 2017

Year: 2017 | **Brief and copywriting:** Iman Annab, Robin Jones, Fadi Quran | **Design:** Hani Asfour | **Sources:** bit.ly/vp-fifa

THE TEAM THAT COULD HAVE BEEN

ISRAELI HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THROUGH THE LENS OF SPORT

Football is highly popular among Palestinians, but Israeli violations limit their ability to practice this sport. Visualizing Palestine has compiled information on 56 cases of Israeli human rights abuses against Palestinian footballers. This visual presents a sample of these cases.

MUHAMMAD NIMR
17 years old
Sep 2007

MAHMOUD SARSAK
22 years old
July 2009

IBRAHIM KHATTAB
9 years old
July 2014

MUHAMMAD DAHLAN
28 years old
Aug 2014

MUHAMMAD ABU AL-BAYD
27 years old
July 2014

ADAM HALABIYA
17 years old
Jan 2014

JAWHAR NASSER
19 years old
Jan 2014

MUHAMMAD OBEID
23 years old
Mar 2018

KARAM ZAIDAN
13 years old
July 2016

SAJI DARWISH
18 years old
Mar 2014
(killed)

DENIED **TRAVEL DENIAL**
26 Cases

BOMBING
12 Cases

SHOOTING
11 Cases

ARREST
9 Cases

LOST LIMB
9 Cases

OMAR ABU ROIS
23 years old
Feb 2012

AHED ZAQOUT
49 years old
Jul 2014
(killed)

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SOURCES bit.ly/vp-football-team
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Year: 2018 | **Brief and copywriting:** Ahmed Hegazy, Robin Jones | **Design:** Yosra El Gazzar, Ali Abbas Ahmadi | **Sources:** bit.ly/vp-football-team

12. SPECIAL PROJECTS

Projects in this section: So Close Yet So Far | Growth of a Movement | Who's Complicit? | Palestine Open Maps | Palestine, Today | A National Monument | Visualizing Palestine 101 | We Had Dreams | Remember Their Names | A Place of Many Beginnings

The following pages introduce several of Visualizing Palestine's interactive projects or physical creations. We placed these projects in a dedicated section so that those interested in exploring them in more detail can seek them out, as well as to acknowledge the range of approaches we integrate in our storytelling.

SO CLOSE YET SO FAR

Series of Short Animations

In Palestine, distance is measured not just in kilometers, but in the insurmountable apartheid laws, bureaucracy, and infrastructure that keep so many Palestinians from having a sense of normalcy in their own homeland. In **So Close Yet So Far,** a series of short animations, we tell the stories of five Palestinian families separated by Israeli policy: Amani and Adnan, Ahmad and Rokaya, Samaher and Yasser, Hiba and her triplets, and Salma and Mousa.

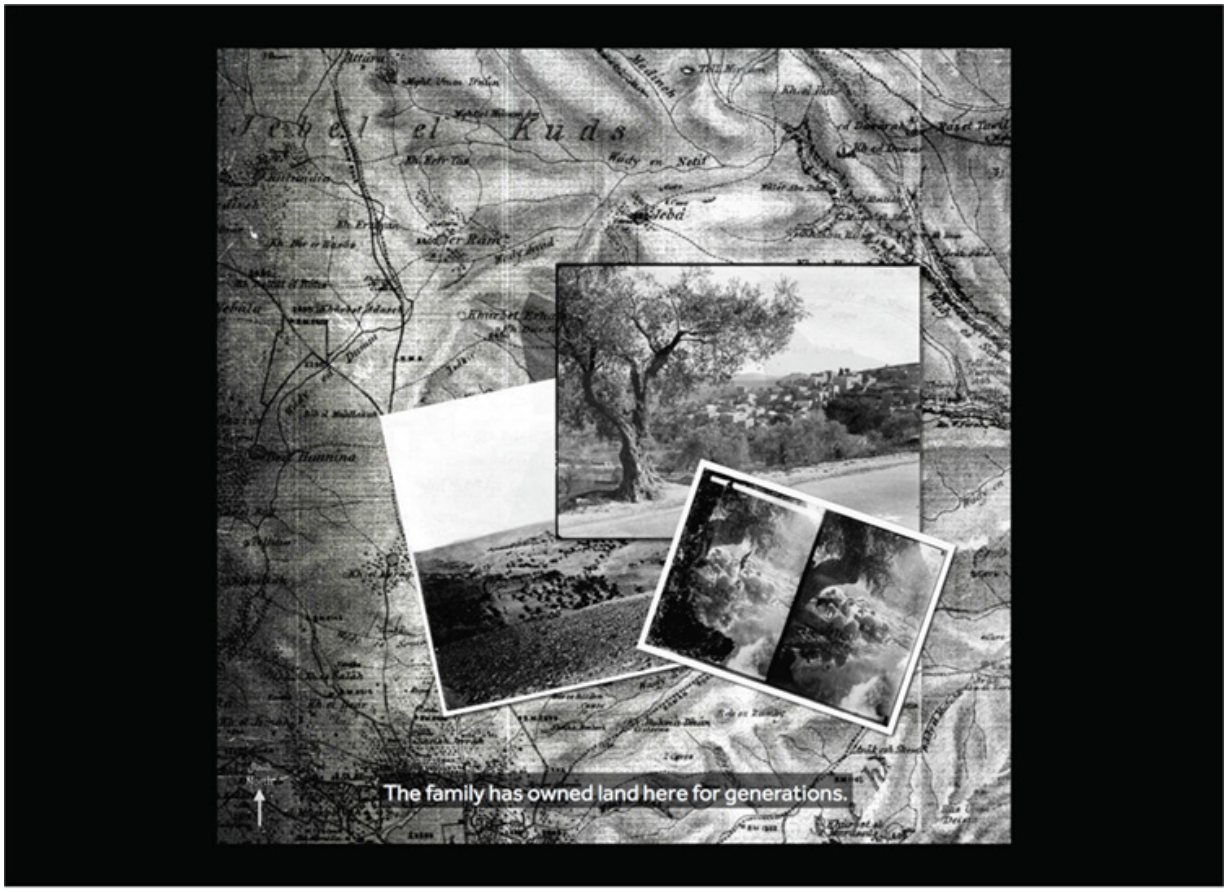
Imagine a short drive to visit a relative causing a couple to be separated for years. This is what happened to Amani, Adnan, and their five children. Ahmad and Rokaya's children have to cross Israel's apartheid wall to see parents stuck on opposite sides of it. A Palestinian mother, Hiba, is sent back to Gaza just days after giving birth in Jerusalem, while her newborns stay at the hospital alone. Also in Jerusalem, Samaher refuses to leave her home for fear of being stopped by Israeli police and permanently separated from her spouse, Yasser. These families' circumstances may seem too absurd, bizarre, and surreal to be real, but they are all too common under Israeli apartheid.

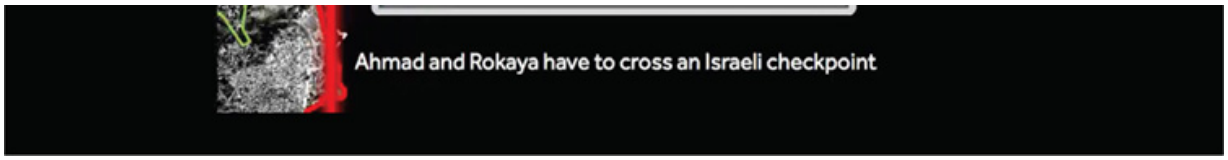
A theme throughout So Close Yet So Far is the violence of bureaucracy, which puts Palestinian family life in the hands of a system that is brutal both in its most shocking displays of force and in the most intimate and mundane routines of life. We contextualized the distances in the story with reference to other geographies. One couple's struggle unfolds across 65 kilometers, roughly the distance from Amsterdam to the Hague. Another story spans 90 kilometers, roughly the distance from Manhattan to Long Island.

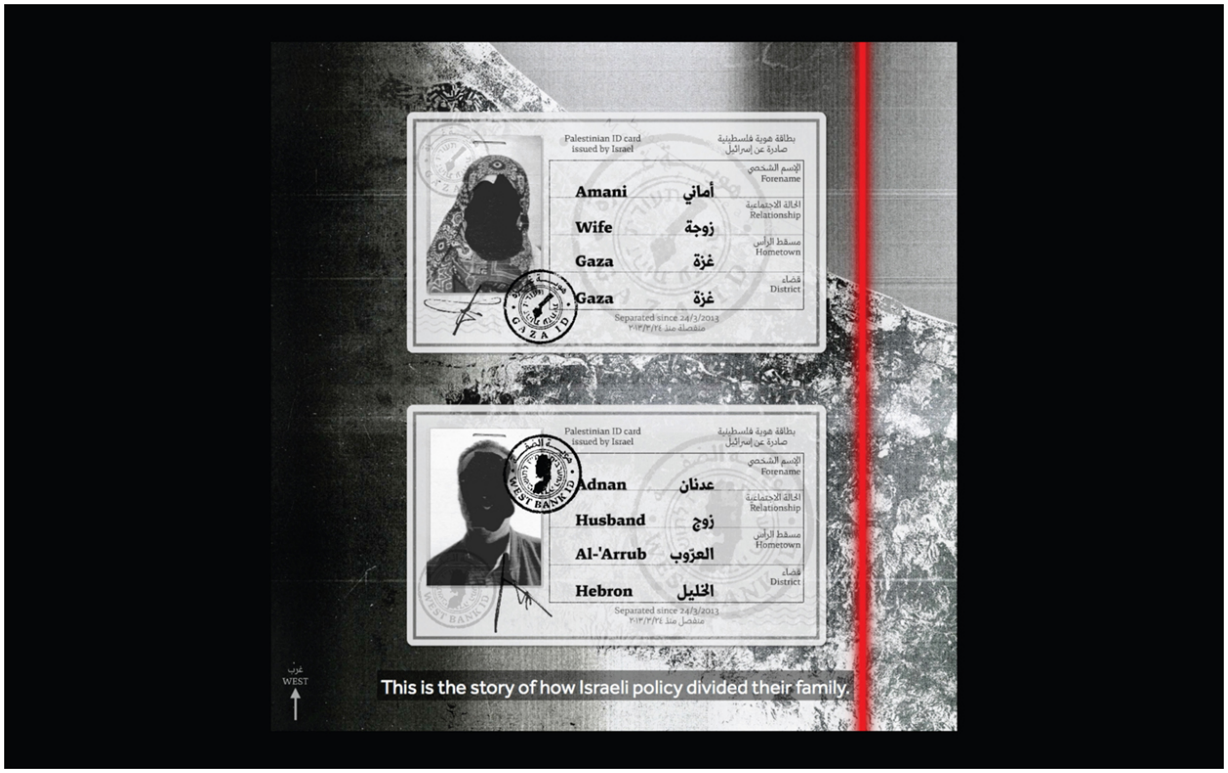
www.visualizingpalestine.org/visuals/so-close-yet-so-far

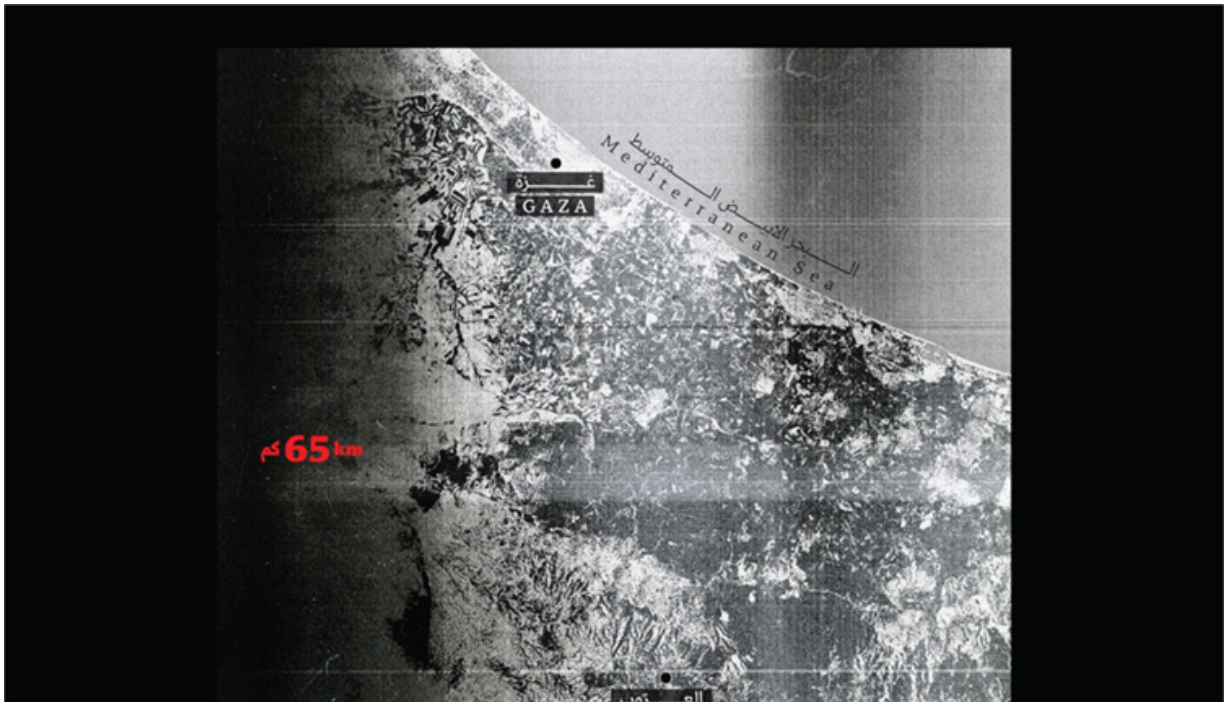
Year: 2020 | **Direction and animation:** Yosra El Gazzar | **Brief and copywriting:** Jessica Anderson, Reem Farah | **Narration:** Mohammad Al-Qaq, Dana Dajani, Sally Shalabi, Amir Shihadeh | **Sound**

studio: Mohammed Hijazi (Obsolete Studios) and Tareq Mirza (dB-Pro) | **Sources:** bit.ly/VP-scysf

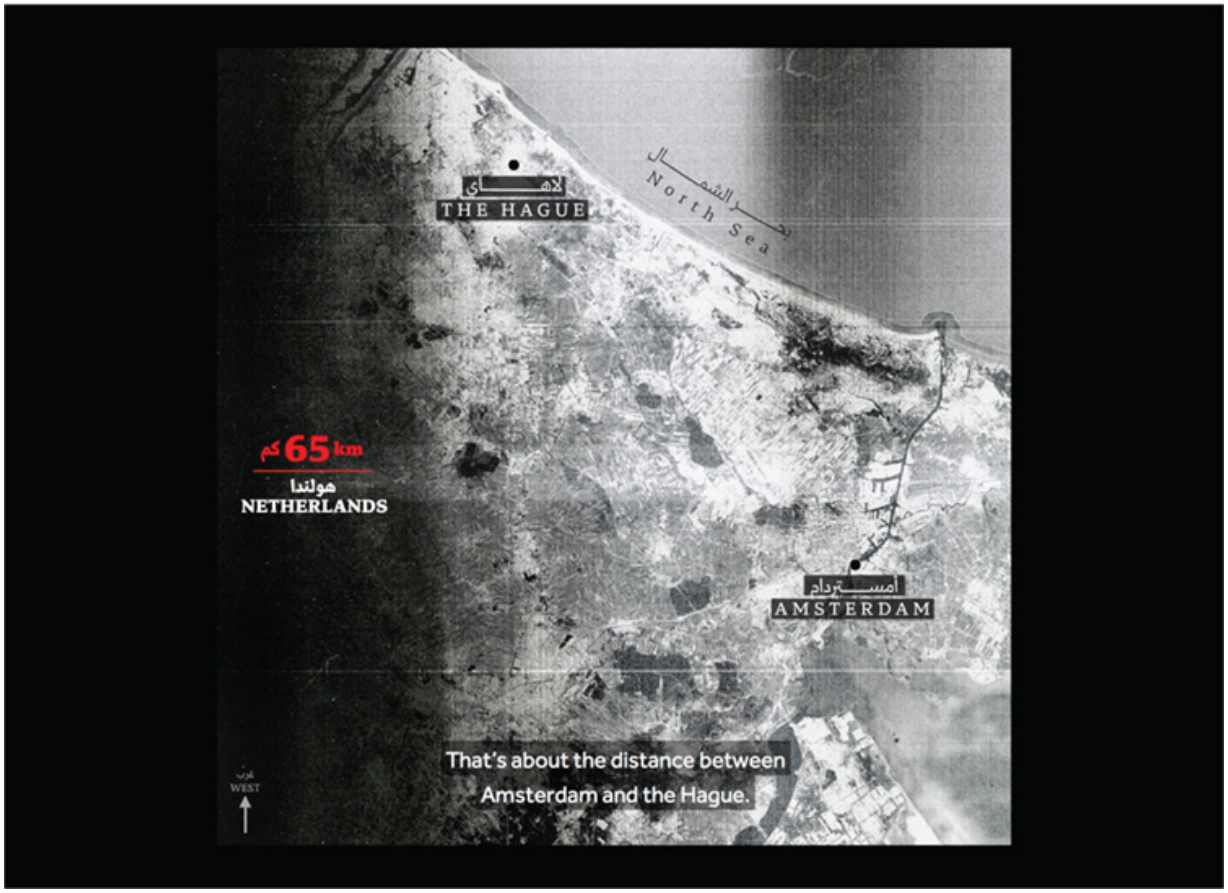


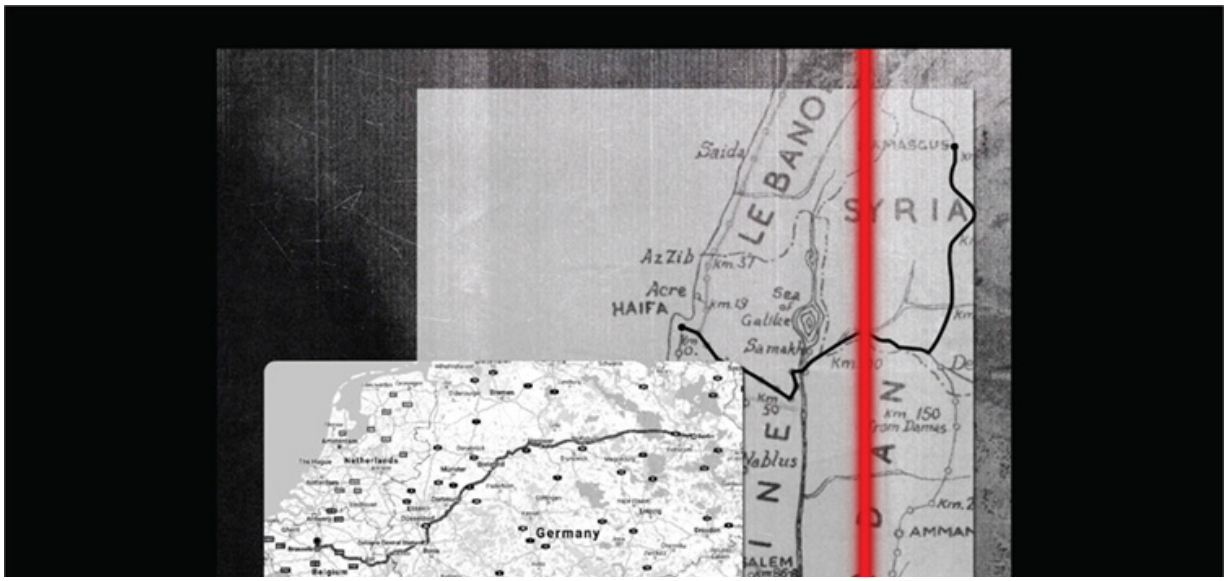

Ahmad and Rokaya have to cross an Israeli checkpoint


Palestinian ID card
issued by Israel
بطاقة هوية فلسطينية
صادرة عن إسرائيل
Forename
الاسم الشخصي
Amani
أماني
Relationship
الحالة الاجتماعية
Wife
زوجة
Hometown
مسقط الرأس
Gaza
غزة
District
قضاء
Gaza
غزة
Separated since 24/3/2013
منفصلة منذ ٢٠١٣/٣/٢٤
GAZA ID
Palestinian ID card
issued by Israel
بطاقة هوية فلسطينية
صادرة عن إسرائيل
Forename
الاسم الشخصي
Adnan
عدنان
Relationship
الحالة الاجتماعية
Husband
زوج
Hometown
مسقط الرأس
Al-'Arrub
العرّوب
District
قضاء
Hebron
الخليل
Separated since 24/3/2013
منفصل منذ ٢٠١٣/٣/٢٤
WEST BANK ID
غرب
WEST
This is the story of how Israeli policy divided their family.


غـــزة
GAZA
البحر الأبيض المتوسط
Mediterranean Sea
65 km كم

AL-'ARRUB
غرب
WEST
Just 65 km now stand between Amani and Adnan,


لاهاي
THE HAGUE
بحر الشمال
North Sea
65 km كم
هولندا
NETHERLANDS
امستردام
AMSTERDAM
That's about the distance between
Amsterdam and the Hague.
غرب
WEST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LEBANO
SYRIA
AMASCUS
Az Zib
Km 37
Acre
HAIFA
Km 19
Sea of Galilee
Samakh
Km 50
Km 150
from Damas
Nablus
Km 2
AMMAN
Germany
Netherlands

GROWTH OF A MOVEMENT

Interactive Timeline

Growth of a Movement documents key events that have shaped the Palestinian-led, global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement for freedom, justice, and equality. As of 2023, the timeline includes 935 events from 2005 to 2022, which are searchable by campaign area, location, communities involved, and keywords. The Growth of a

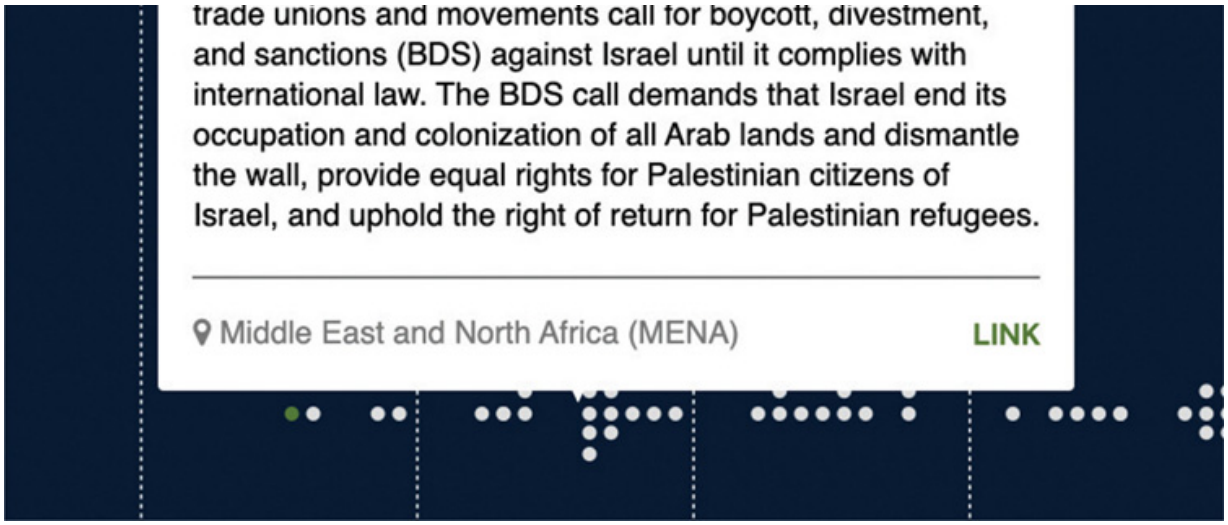
Movement timeline is hosted and edited by Visualizing Palestine, but it emerged in partnership and collaboration with the Boycott National Committee.

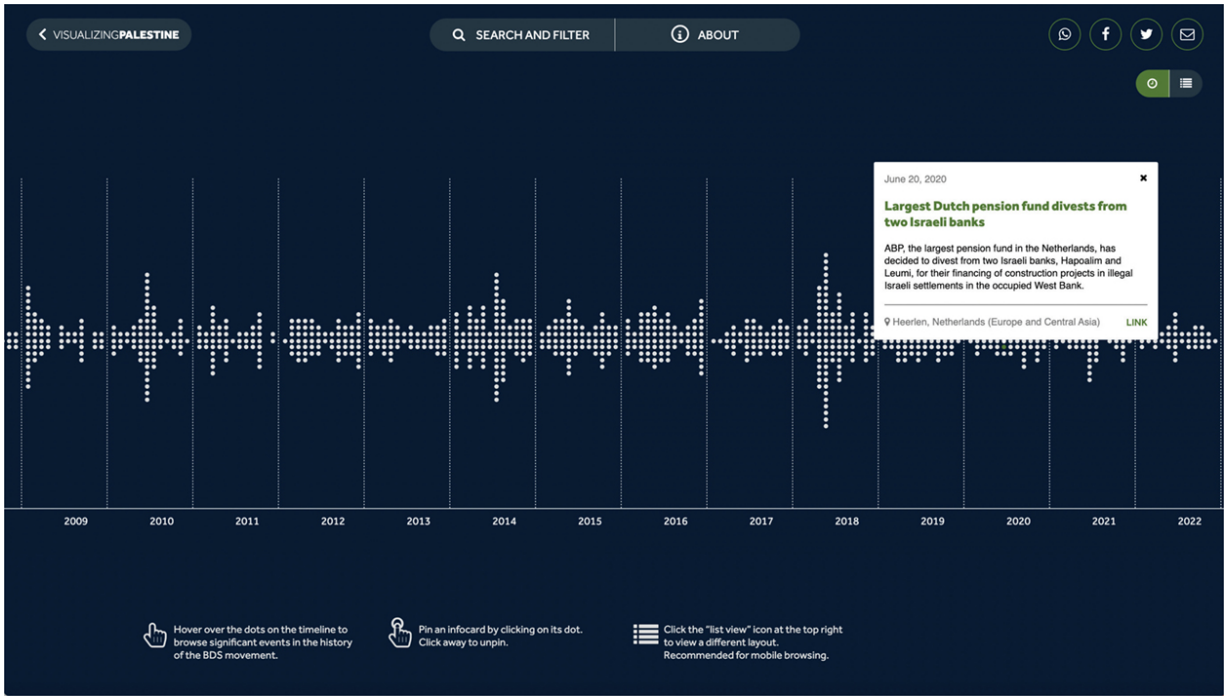
www.visualizingpalestine.org/collective-action-timeline

Brief and copywriting: Jessica Anderson, Ahmad Barclay, Boycott National Committee, Michael Deas, Reem Farah, Ramzi Jaber, Ziyaad Yousef, Shireen Tawil, Lylla Younes | **Development team:** Bassam Barham, Morad Taleeb | **Design:** Giorgio Uboldi (Calibro), Patil Tchilinguirian. Special thanks to dozens of volunteers who have participated in populating and updating the timeline.

GROWTH
OF A MOVEMENT
Explore the actions that have shaped the Palestinian-led, global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement for freedom, justice, and equality.
"This council joins the international call from Palestinian civil society and human rights organisations like Amnesty International for an arms embargo of Israel."
Dublin City Council

July 09, 2005
Palestinian Civil Society calls for boycott, divestment, and sanctions
More than 170 Palestinian political parties, organizations,


trade unions and movements call for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law. The BDS call demands that Israel end its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantle the wall, provide equal rights for Palestinian citizens of Israel, and uphold the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
LINK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SEARCH AND FILTER
ABOUT
June 20, 2020
Largest Dutch pension fund divests from two Israeli banks
ABP, the largest pension fund in the Netherlands, has decided to divest from two Israeli banks, Hapoalim and Leumi, for their financing of construction projects in illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank.
Heerlen, Netherlands (Europe and Central Asia)
LINK
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
Hover over the dots on the timeline to browse significant events in the history of the BDS movement.
Pin an infocard by clicking on its dot. Click away to unpin.
Click the "list view" icon at the top right to view a different layout. Recommended for mobile browsing.

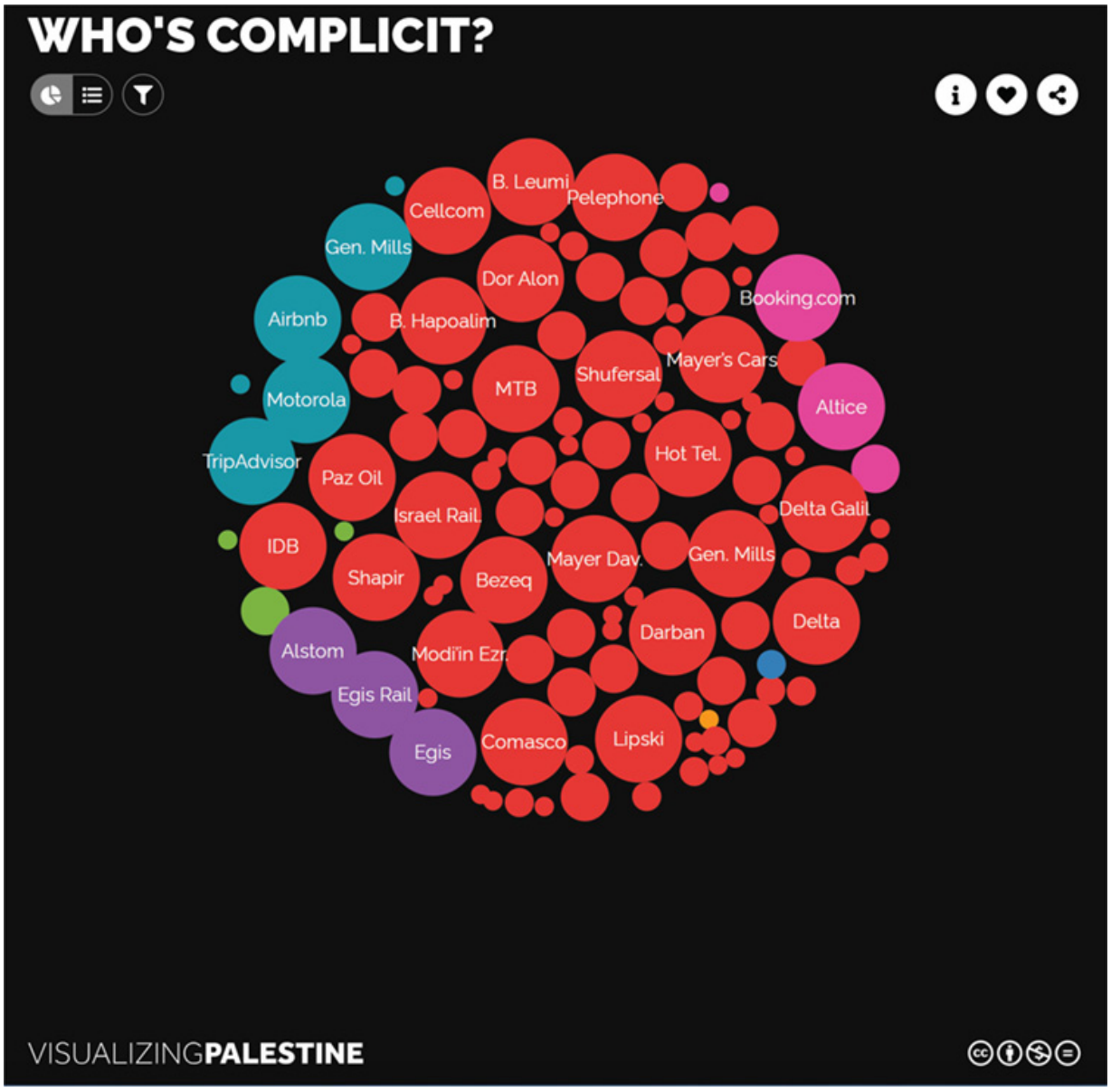
WHO'S COMPLICIT?

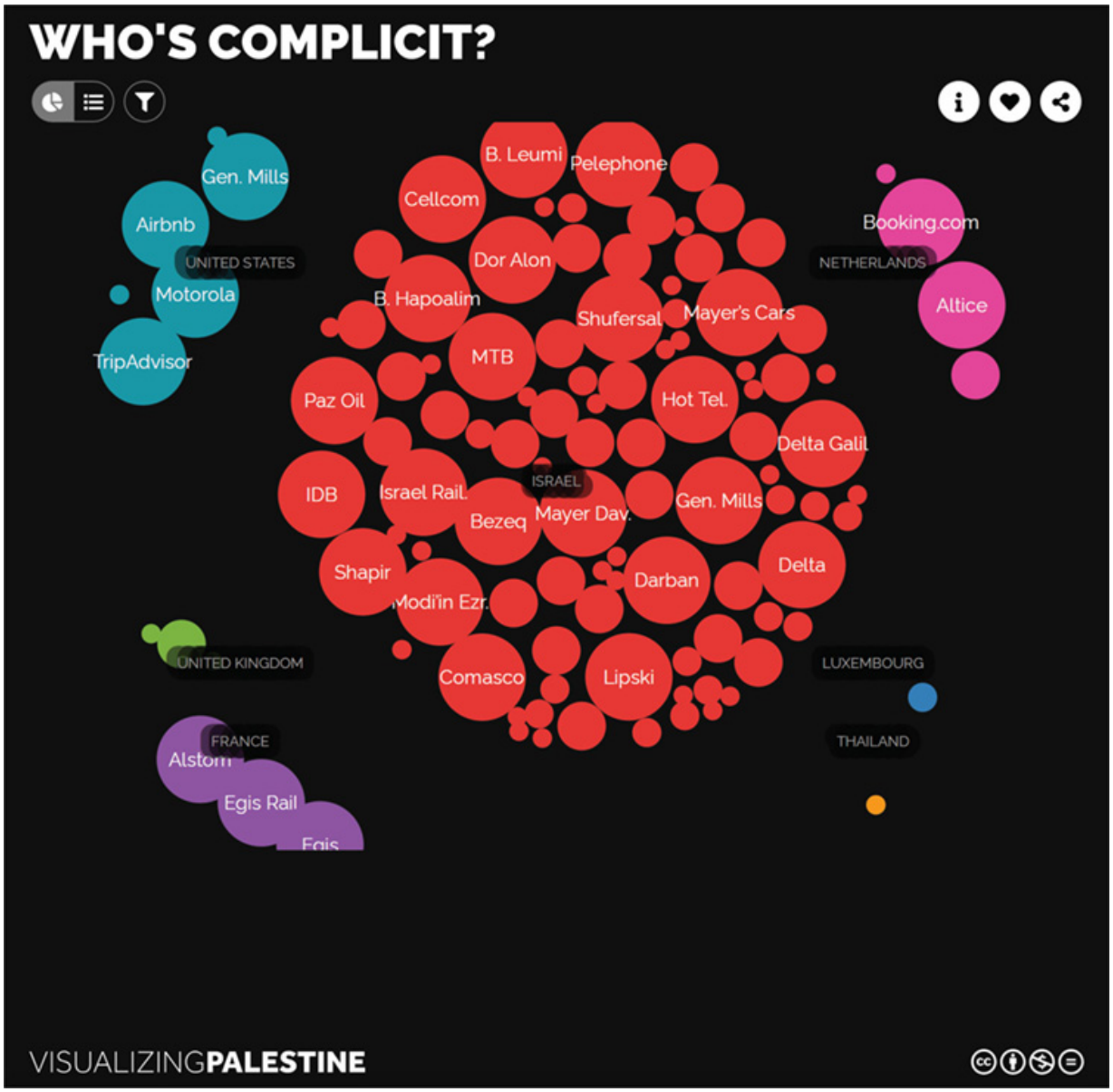
Interactive Visual

In February 2020, following numerous delays, the United Nations Human Rights Council published a database of 112 companies complicit in business activities in illegal Israeli settlements. To help people better understand the scope of this step toward accountability, we created **Who's**

Complicit? This interactive data visualization allows users to explore the companies listed by the nature of their violations and by the country in which they are based. Using a scaled bubble chart, we also integrated data on the total annual revenue of each company. In light of the narrow scope of the list, Who's Complicit? is a tool for pushing the UN to fulfill its mandate to continue updating and expanding on this list.

www.visualizingpalestine.org/un-database/index.html
Year: 2020 | **Brief and copywriting, design, and development:** Ahmad Barclay




WHO'S COMPLICIT?
Gen. Mills
Airbnb
UNITED STATES
Motorola
TripAdvisor
B. Leumi
Pelephone
Cellcom
Dor Alon
B. Hapoalim
Shufersal
Mayer's Cars
MTB
Paz Oil
Hot Tel.
Delta Galil
IDB
Israel Rail.
ISRAEL
Bezeq
Mayer Dav.
Gen. Mills
Shapir
Darban
Delta
Modi'in Ezr.
Comasco
Lipski
Booking.com
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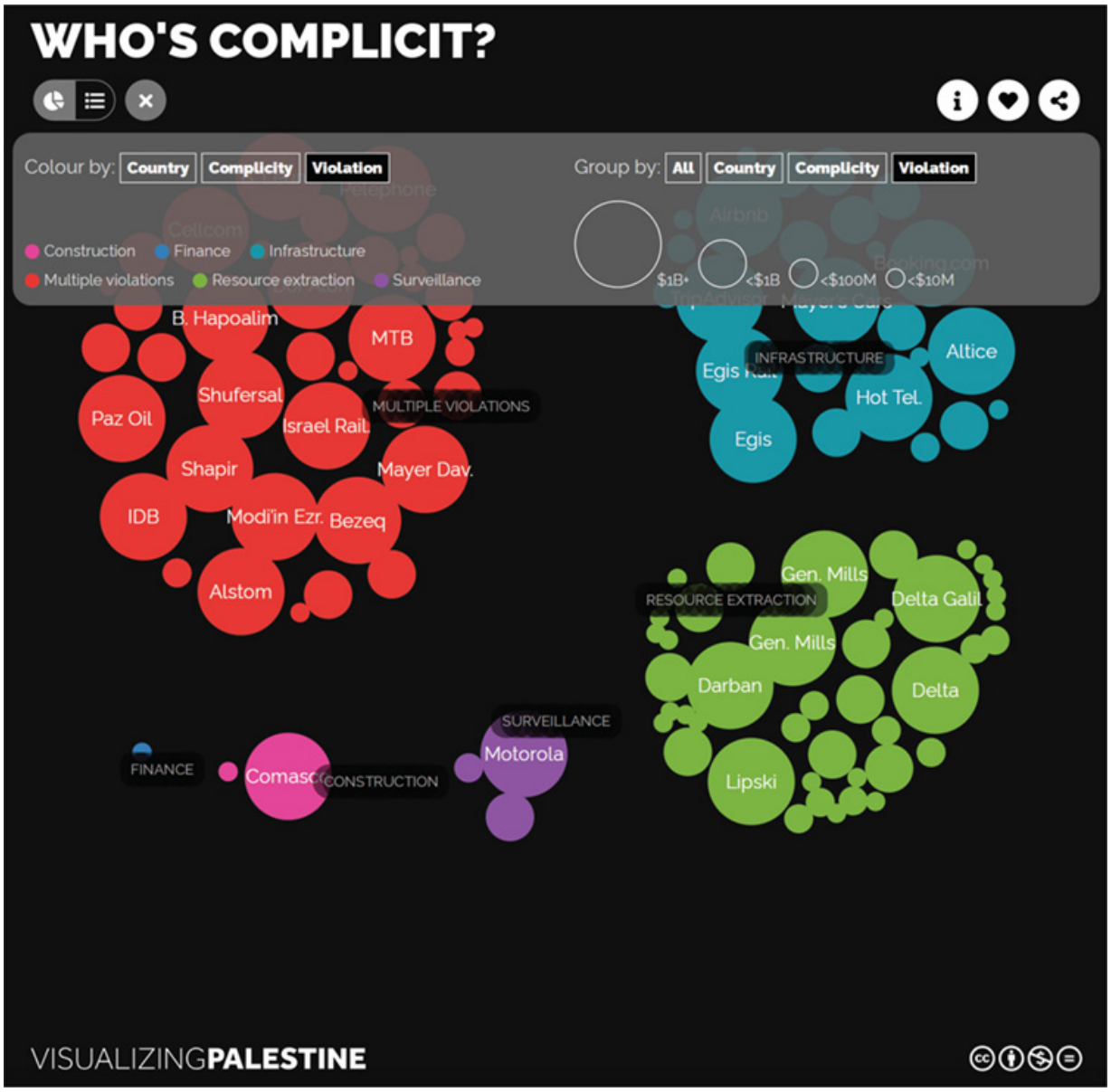


PALESTINE OPEN MAPS

Open Source Counter-Mapping Platform

Palestine Open Maps (POM) is a platform that allows users to explore, search, and download historical maps and spatial data on Palestine. Features of POM include:

- Detailed historical base-map layers from the 1870s to the 1950s

- Population data on over two thousand places, present and destroyed
- Aerial photography layers from the 1940s and today
- The ability to download hundreds of individual historical map sheets
- A split-screen mode to view past and present images side by side
- A 3D mode, showing the topography of Palestine
- The ability to overlay historical map features on present-day maps
- Links to the Palestinian Oral History Archive and other resources

The idea for this platform was inspired by a large collection of 1940s survey map sheets from the British Mandate of Palestine that became available digitally. These maps—all now in the public domain—cover the territory at scales of up to 1:20,000, offering a vivid snapshot of a human and natural geography immediately before the Nakba, with an unparalleled level of physical detail, including population centers, roads, topographic features, and property boundaries.

Although the maps were already in the public domain, their usefulness was limited since they comprise hundreds of separate sheets with no easy means to search, navigate, or otherwise comprehend. By combining these sheets into seamless layers that can be navigated online, and integrating them with other available data sources, such as the 1945 Village Statistics, historic aerial photography, oral histories, and present-day digital maps and data, this platform is a resource for mapping the transformation in the human geography of historic Palestine over the past seven and a half decades. POM is used widely by academics in both research and teaching and has served as an inspiration to other decolonial mapping projects around the world.

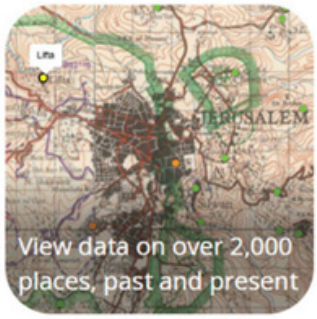
Palestine Open Maps

Welcome to Palestine Open Maps

Explore, search and download historical maps and spatial data on Palestine

Explore maps | Read more | Find a place

Explore historical maps from the 1870s onwards



View data on over 2,000 places, past and present

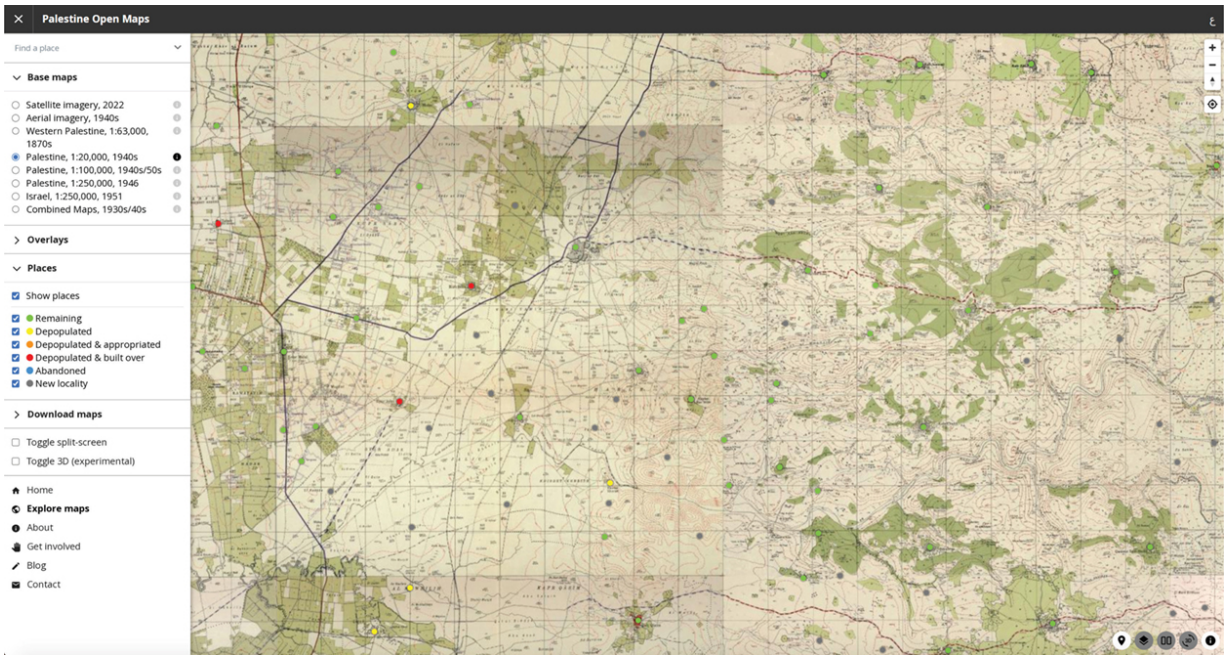
Download hundreds of historical map sheets

View past and present maps side-by-side

View the topography of Palestine in 3D

Overlay historical and present day maps

Initiated and supported by VISUALIZING**PALESTINE**


Palestine Open Maps
Find a place
Base maps
Satellite imagery, 2022
Aerial imagery, 1940s
Western Palestine, 1:63,000, 1870s
Palestine, 1:20,000, 1940s
Palestine, 1:100,000, 1940s/50s
Palestine, 1:250,000, 1946
Israel, 1:250,000, 1951
Combined Maps, 1930s/40s
Overlays
Places
Show places
Remaining
Depopulated
Depopulated & appropriated
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Abandoned
New locality
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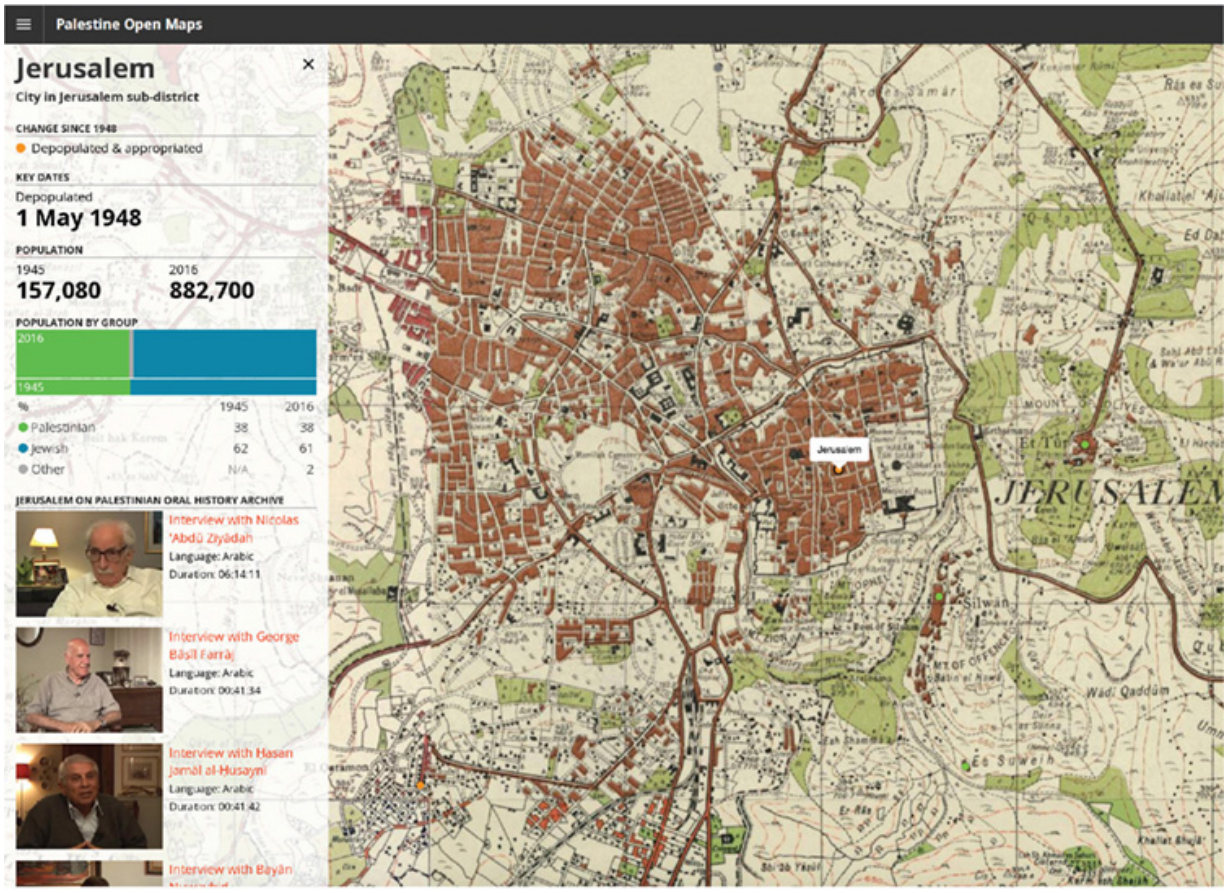
Palestine Open Maps
Jerusalem
City in Jerusalem sub-district
CHANGE SINCE 1948
Depopulated & appropriated
KEY DATES
Depopulated
1 May 1948
POPULATION
1945
157,080
2016
882,700
POPULATION BY GROUP
2016
1945
1945 2016
Palestinian 38 38
Jewish 62 61
Other N/A 2
JERUSALEM ON PALESTINIAN ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVE
Interview with Nicolas 'Abdū Ziyādah
Language: Arabic
Duration: 06:14:11
Interview with George Basil Farrāj
Language: Arabic
Duration: 00:41:34
Interview with Hasan Jamāl al-Husaynī
Language: Arabic
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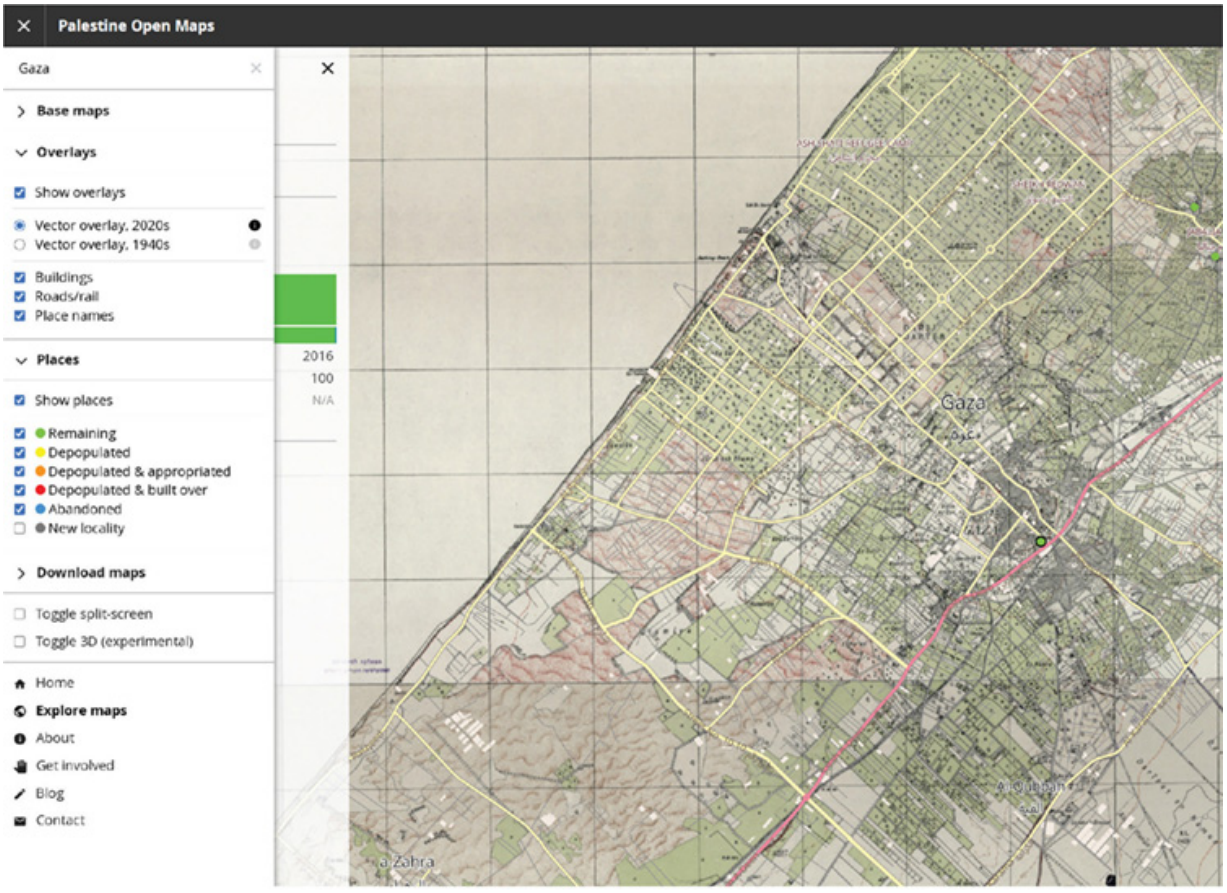
Palestine Open Maps
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Vector overlay, 1940s
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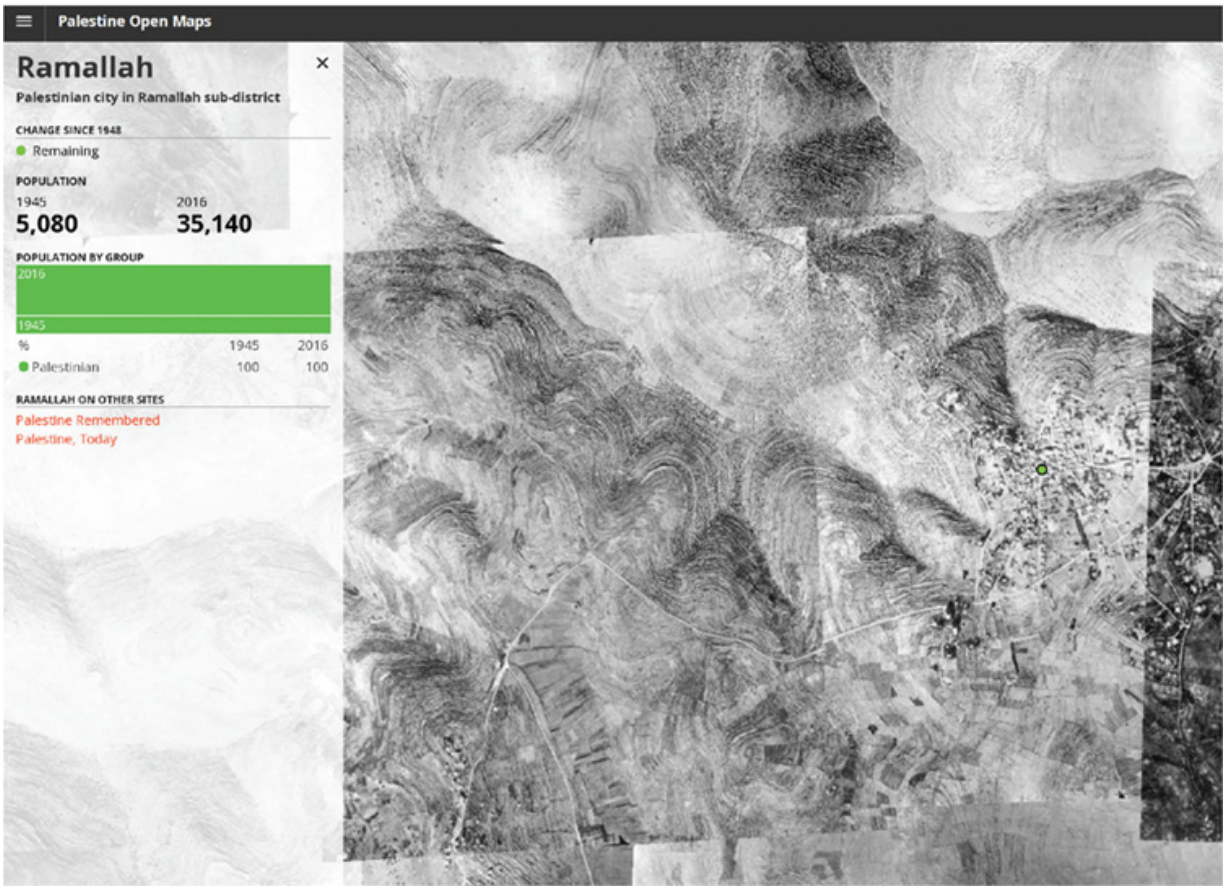
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Ramallah
Palestinian city in Ramallah sub-district
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Palestinian
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RAMALLAH ON OTHER SITES
Palestine Remembered
Palestine, Today

Palestine Open Maps exhibited at Dar El Nimer for Arts and Culture in Beirut, Lebanon, 2019

www.palopenmaps.org/en

The project was initiated at Impact Data Lab, a workshop organized by Visualizing Palestine and Columbia University Studio-X Amman in March 2018. Majd Al-Shihabi's work on the project was partially supported by Creative Commons, Mozilla Foundation, and the Wikimedia Foundation via the Bassel Khartabil Fellowship.

Project leads: Ahmad Barclay, Majd Al-Shihabi | **Development team:** Ahmad Barclay, Majd Al-Shihabi, Hanan Yazigi, Morad Taleeb, Henry Zaccak, and Bassam Barham | **Special thanks:** Salman Abu Sitta, Zaki Boulos, Stella Ioannidou, Noor Lozi, Nora Akawi, and the Columbia Studio-X Amman team

PALESTINE, TODAY

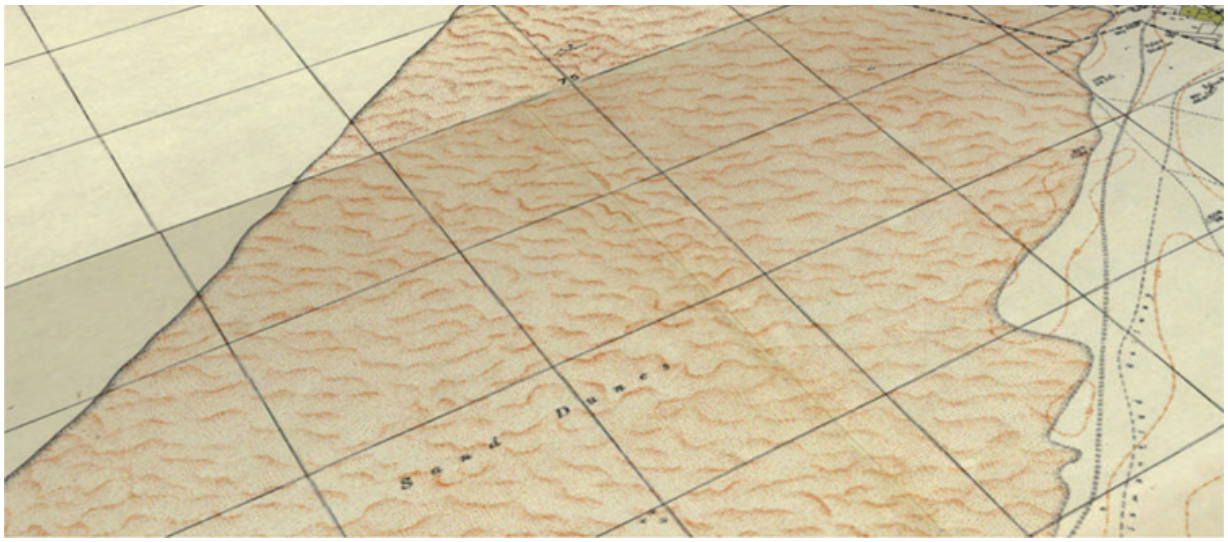
Multimedia Interactive Platform

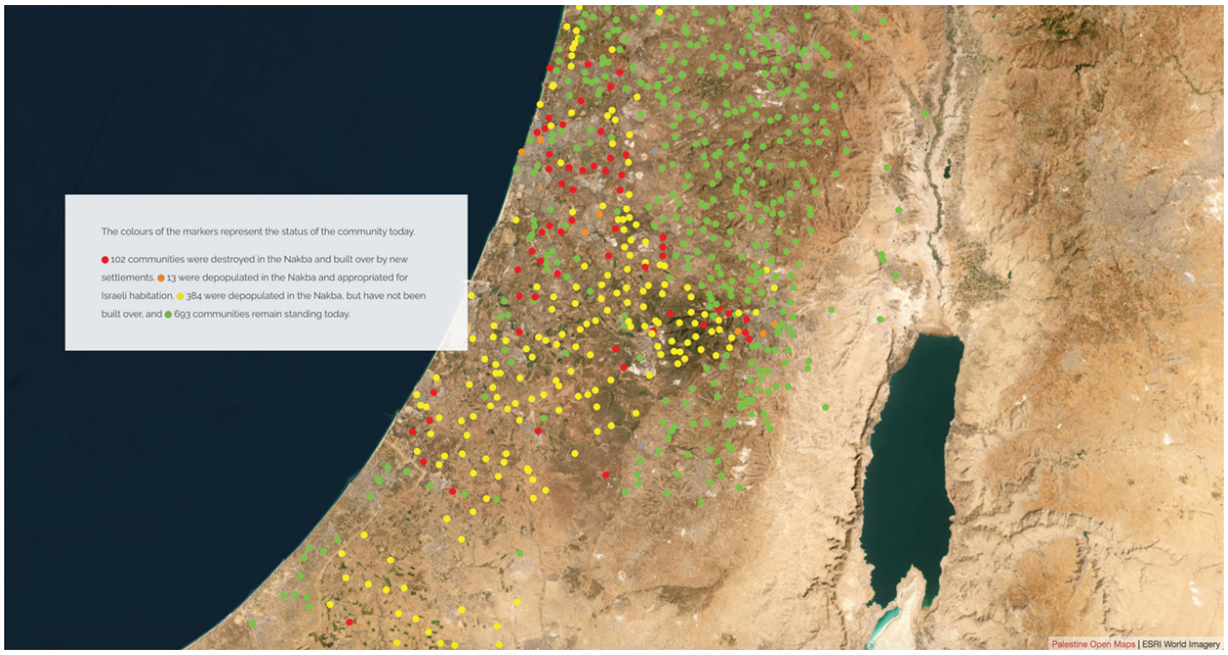
Palestine has been transformed dramatically over the decades since the Nakba of 1947–49, when over five hundred Palestinian towns and villages

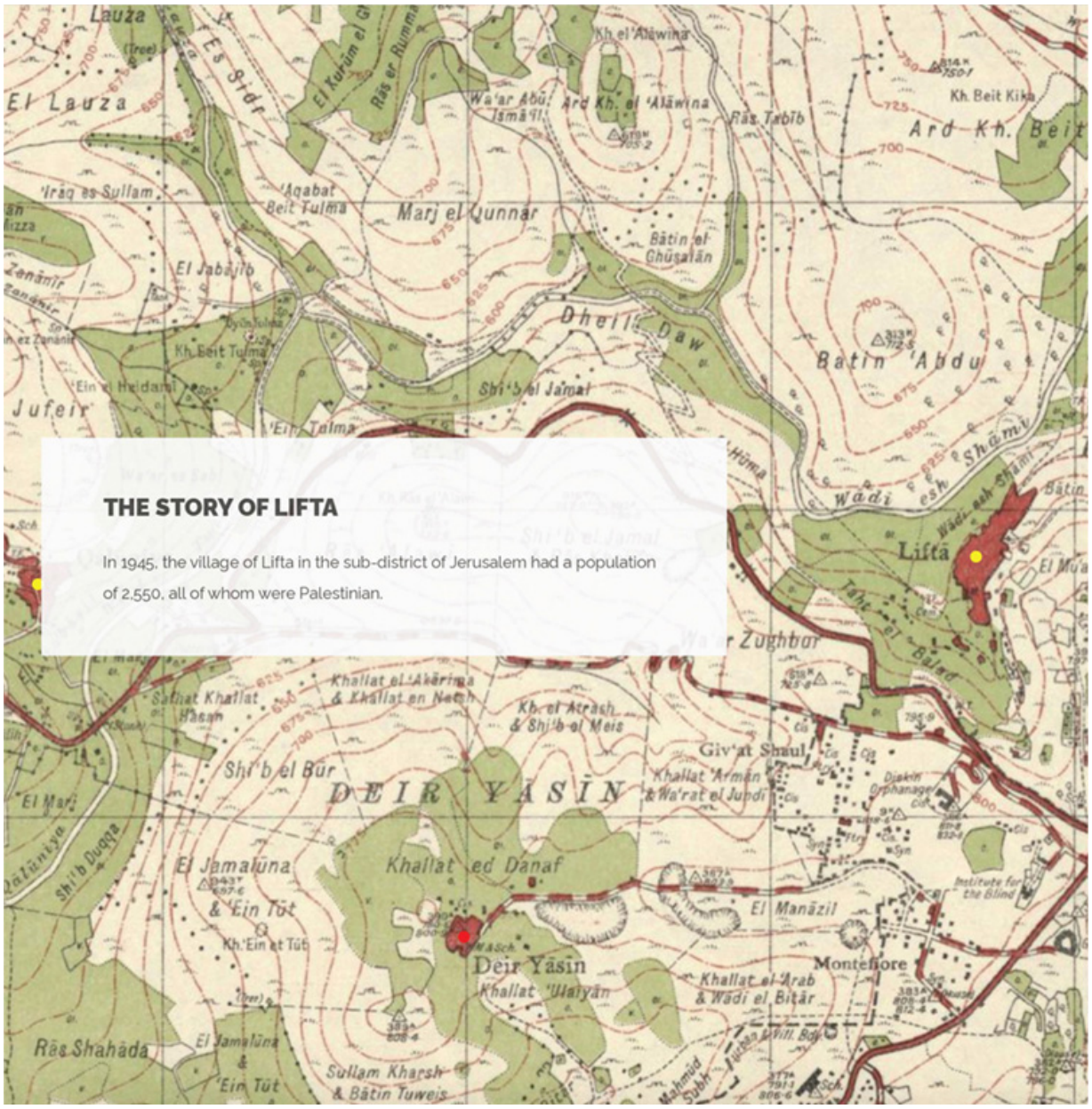
were depopulated and over 750,000 people were displaced during the creation of the State of Israel.

Palestine, Today tells the story of the many communities that were affected by the Nakba, including those that remained. Users can view the story of a random locality or select a site of special interest to them.

today.visualizingpalestine.org/
Design and development: Ahmad Barclay


Sand Dunes


The colours of the markers represent the status of the community today.
● 102 communities were destroyed in the Nakba and built over by new settlements. ● 13 were depopulated in the Nakba and appropriated for Israeli habitation. ● 384 were depopulated in the Nakba, but have not been built over, and ● 693 communities remain standing today.
Palestine Open Maps | ESRI World Imagery



THE STORY OF LIFTA

In 1945, the village of Lifta in the sub-district of Jerusalem had a population of 2,550, all of whom were Palestinian.

Today, the original built up area of Lifta remains empty, but its original inhabitants and their descendants are prevented from returning by Israel.

A NATIONAL MONUMENT

Art Piece

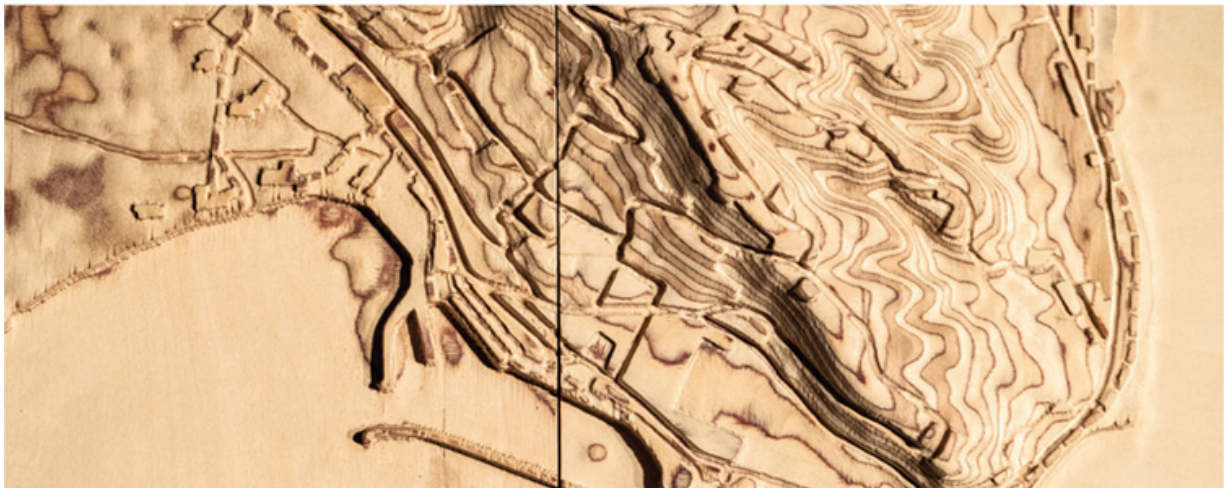
A National Monument is a limited-edition series of wooden topographic reliefs created by Visualizing Palestine in collaboration with artist Marwan Rechmaoui. Inspired by a series of highly detailed maps of Palestine from the British Mandate period, the works recreate a three-dimensional snapshot

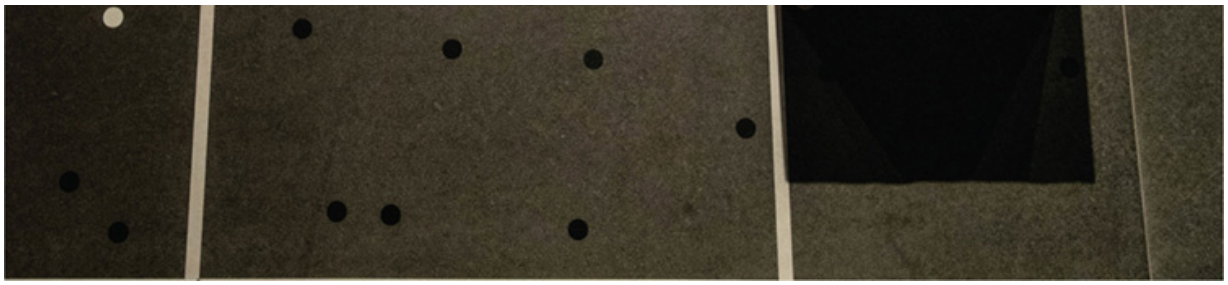
of major Palestinian cities and towns circa 1947, based on the final British surveys before the Nakba and digital elevation data from NASA. A National Monument was exhibited at Dar El Nimer for Arts and Culture in Beirut in 2019 and at Jameel Arts Center in Dubai in 2020. At both exhibits, the pieces were displayed alongside a large-scale installation of historic maps of Palestine from the Palestine Open Maps platform. Sales of A National Monument pieces support the ongoing work of Visualizing Palestine.

https://www.darelnimer.org/past-events/a-national-monument

Year: 2019 | **Researcher and curator:** Ahmad Barclay | **Artist:** Marwan Rechmaoui | **CNC machining:** Damj Design | **Strategy and sales:** Joumana al Jabri | **Coordination:** Sandy Nassif

Exhibition at Dar El Nimer for Arts and Culture in Beirut, Lebanon, 2019





VISUALIZING PALESTINE 101

Educational Platform

Visualizing Palestine 101 (VP101) is a data-led visual resource and educational hub designed for people learning and teaching about Palestine. It includes twenty-five original infographics and related data sets, an index of glossary definitions, and a selection of other engaging audiovisual content from around the web. We interspersed several VP101 visuals throughout this book where they helped tell the story of a particular chapter, but they are best viewed as a cohesive collection.

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Learn more...

SEE THE VISUALS

SECTION 1
HISTORICAL CONTEXT

SECTION 2
A SYSTEM OF CONTROL

SECTION 3
STRUCTURAL INEQUALITY

"Israel and Palestine remains one of the most discussed, but least understood rights crises around ... Visualizing Palestine 101 stands out as among the most powerful resources to bolster the critical work of advocates for Palestinian rights."

OMAR SHAKIR
Israel & Palestine Director, Human Rights Watch

GLOSSARY
Definitions to help you to make sense of some key terms on the issue of Palestine.

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A selection of accessible and engaging explainer content from around the web.

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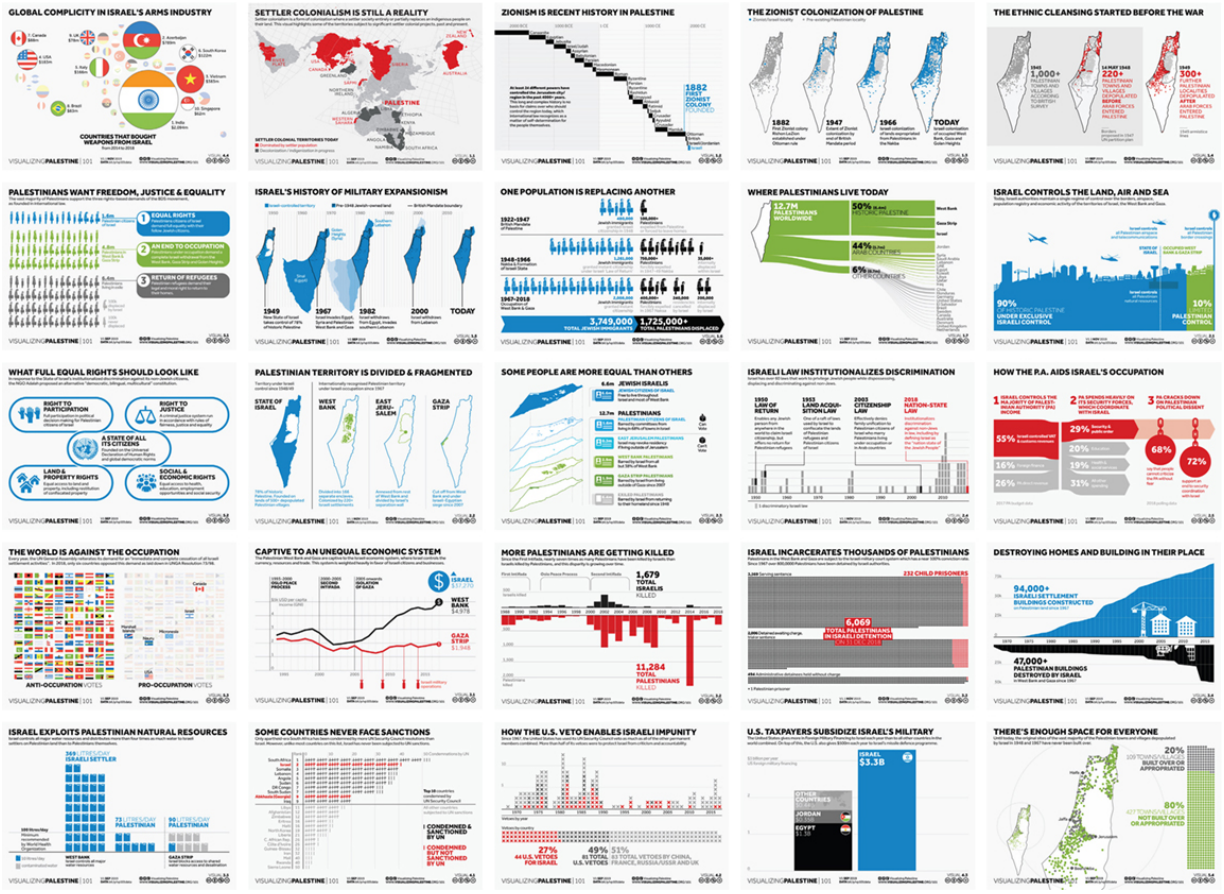
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HOW THE U.S. VETO ENABLES ISRAELI IMPUNITY
U.S. TAXPAYERS SUBSIDIZE ISRAEL'S MILITARY
THERE'S ENOUGH SPACE FOR EVERYONE

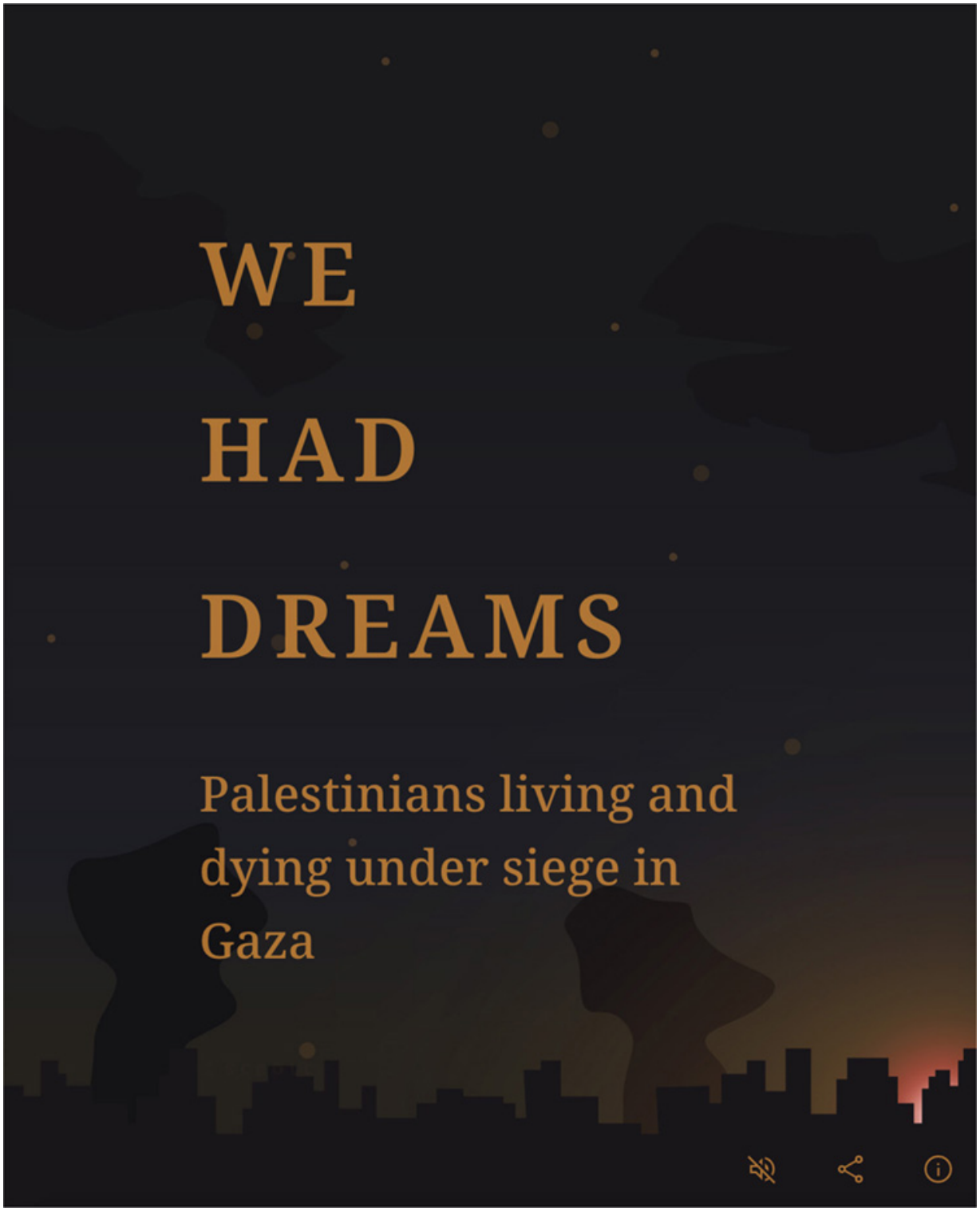
WE HAD DREAMS

Interactive Platform

We Had Dreams, a volunteer-led initiative, features testimonies of Palestinians in Gaza during the first week of the Israeli bombardment in 2023, during which Israeli forces dropped more than six thousand bombs on the tiny enclave.[1] We published this platform six days after Israeli officials announced that no water, food, or fuel would be allowed to enter Gaza.[2] Throughout the relentless Israeli bombardment, Palestinians in Gaza struggled to stay connected with the outside world, with no electricity, no fuel for generators, and periodic Israeli-imposed internet and telecommunications blackouts. But we heard and saw what they were experiencing loud and clear: “a textbook case of genocide.”[3]

www.wehaddreams.com

Quote selection, design, and development: anonymous volunteer Special thanks to volunteer translators who made the platform and quotes available in multiple languages and to Morad Taleeb for technical assistance.



If I die, remember that I, we, were individuals, humans, we had names, dreams and achievements and our only fault was that we were classified as inferior.

BELAL ALDABBOUR

My wish is that they drop the bombs on us while we are sleeping and that we all die together. This is why we are here together. So that nobody is left alive to mourn those who were killed.

AUNT MAY

There is no lonelier place in this universe than around the bed of a wounded child who has no more family to look after them.

GHASSAN ABU SITTA

What scares me the most is the thought of my death as a number among the numbers that increase every minute. I am not a number. It took me 23 years to become the person you see now. I have a home and friends, memory and pain.

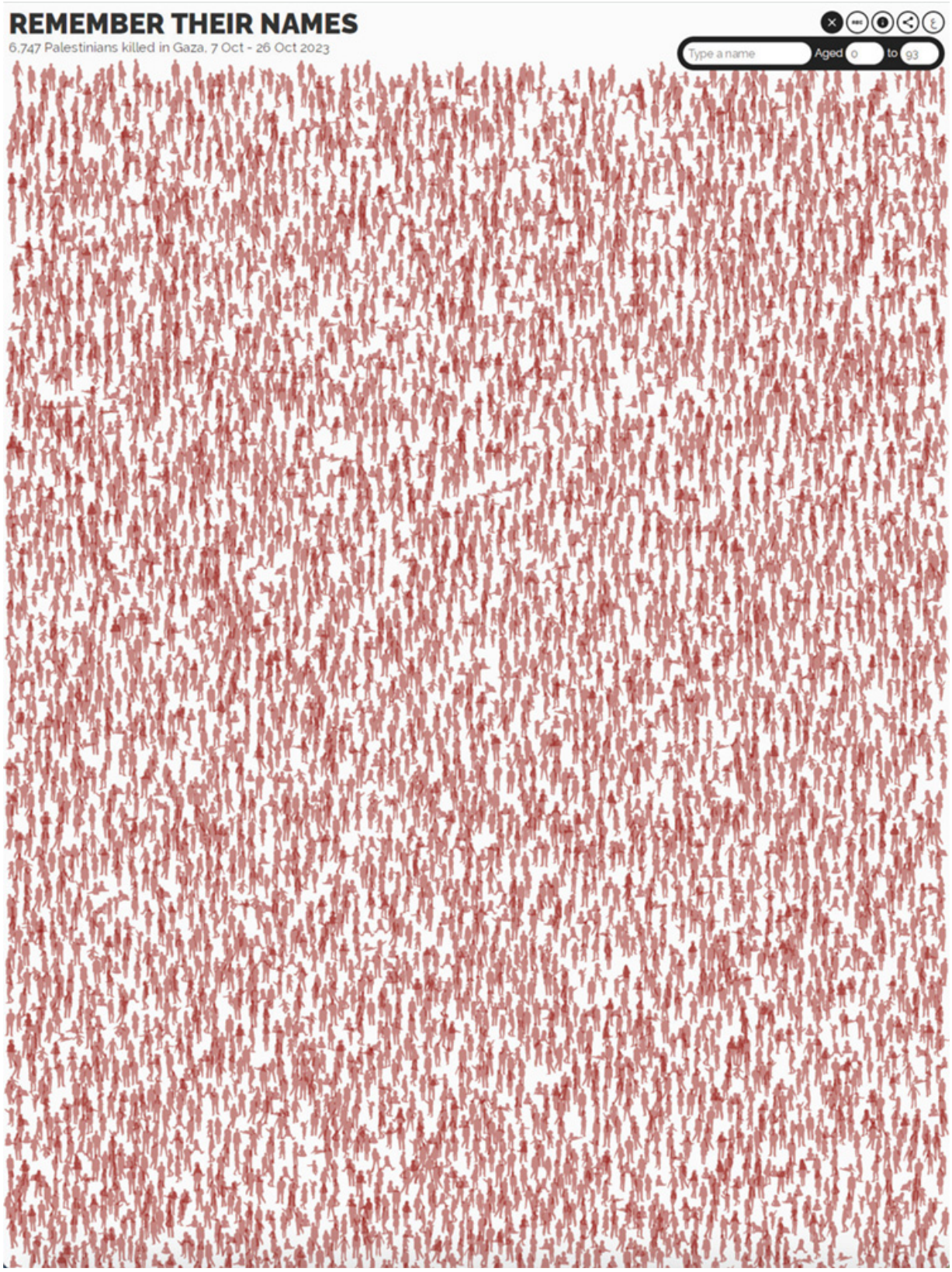
REMEMBER THEIR NAMES

Interactive Visual

Remember Their Names is a volunteer-led memorial initiative. Upon publication, it included the names of 6,767 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in Gaza from October 7–26, 2023, based on information released by the Ministry of Health on October 27. The platform allows viewers to search for the details of specific individuals killed, filter by age range, and click an individual's name or silhouette to see their age. The Ministry of Health published these details one day after US President Joe Biden engaged in genocide denial, accusing Palestinians of exaggerating the number of people killed.[4] On November 6, a senior Biden administration official admitted that the numbers are "even higher than are being cited."[5]

www.visualizingpalestine.org/gaza-names/en.html

Year: 2023 | **Concept:** Rabi Siyam | **Design and development:** Ahmad Barclay Child figures: Basant Elshimy | Special thanks to volunteers who reviewed the transliteration of names from Arabic to English, Rasha Sansur for volunteer coordination, and Morad Taleeb for technical assistance | **Source:** Ministry of Health in Gaza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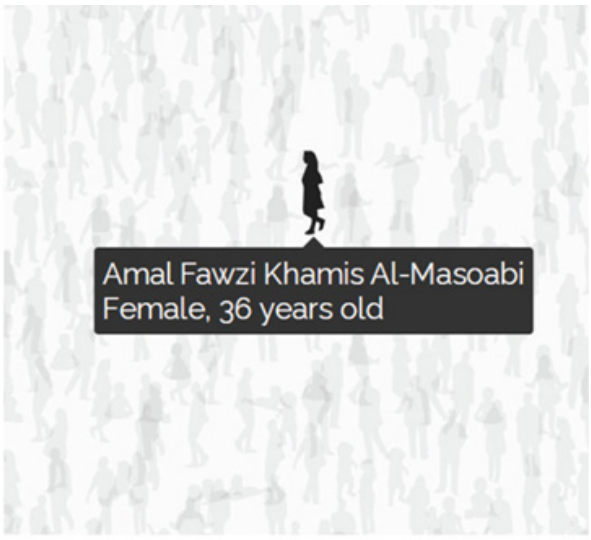
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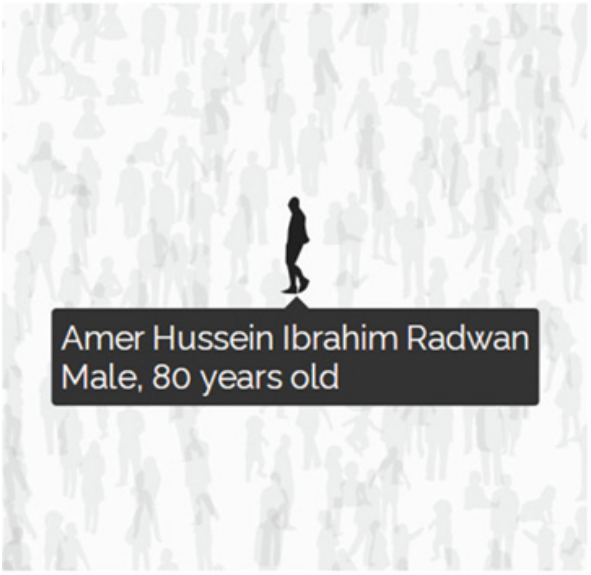
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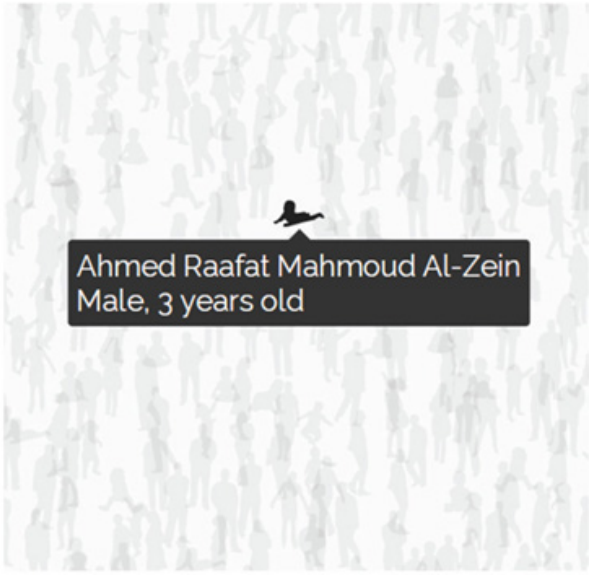
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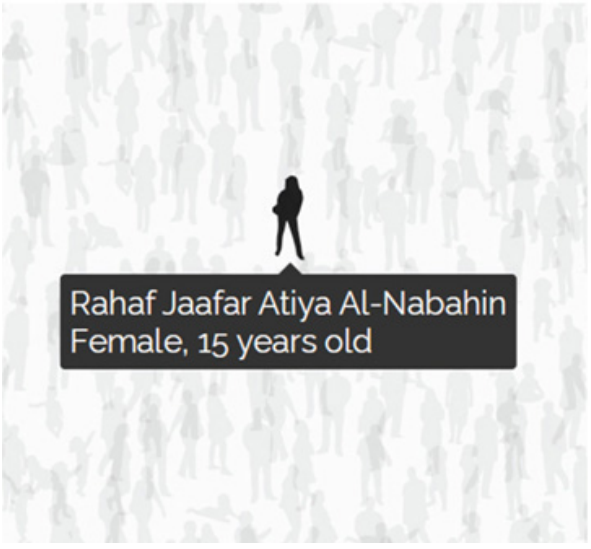
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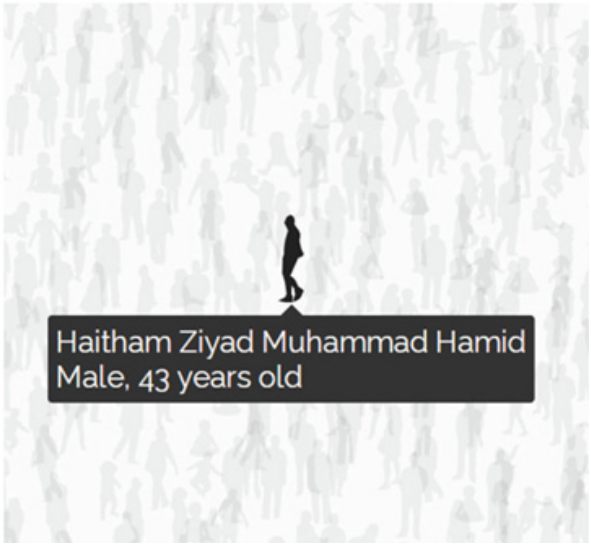
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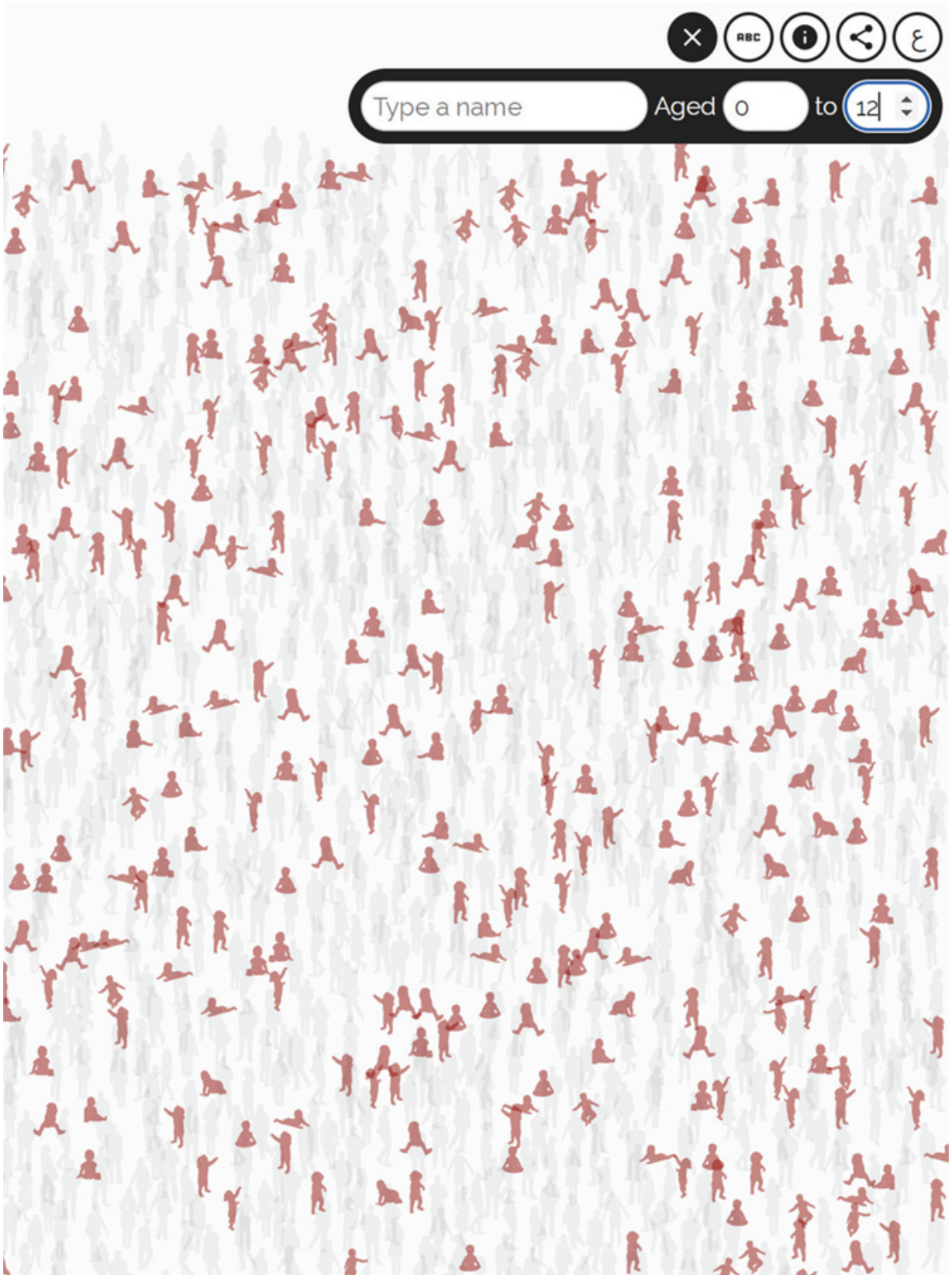
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A PLACE OF MANY BEGINNINGS

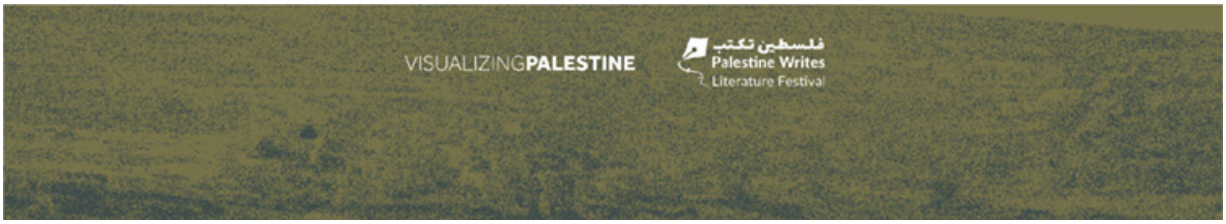
Multimedia Interactive Platform

“The history of Palestine … has multiple ‘beginnings’ and the idea of Palestine has evolved over time from these multiple ‘beginnings’ into a geo-political concept and a distinct territorial polity.”
—Nur Masalha, *Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History*

A Place of Many Beginnings: Three Paths into the History of Palestine explores key “beginnings” that have shaped Indigenous life in Palestine over the millennia, including agricultural revolution, cradles of civilization, international trade and transit, and multifaith histories. The project examines the extraordinary pluralism and blending of influences expressed in Palestinian material culture and place names and celebrates the work of scholars who are charting new paths to illuminate large swaths of Palestinian history that have been obscured by hundreds of years of colonial research agendas. The project launched at the Palestine Writes Literature Festival in September 2023.

https://palestinewrites.org/place-of-many-beginnings.php

Year: 2023 | **Brief and copywriting:** Nasreen Abd Elal, Susan Abulhawa, Majd Al-Rafie, Jessica Anderson, Aline Batarseh, Shuruq Josting, Alia Ragab | **Design:** Nasreen Abd Elal, Majd Al-Rafie | **Special thanks to** Nur Masalha, Salman Abu Sitta, and Bassam Abun Nadi for insights and feedback that strengthened this project. Friends and colleagues generously offered their time, knowledge, and encouragement at various phases. Morad Taleeb contributed technical assistance | **Sources:** bit.ly/vp-many-beginnings



A Place of Many Beginnings
Three Paths into the History of Palestine
Many Beginnings
Palestine's Material Culture
Naming Palestine
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Explore Palestine's Many Beginnings
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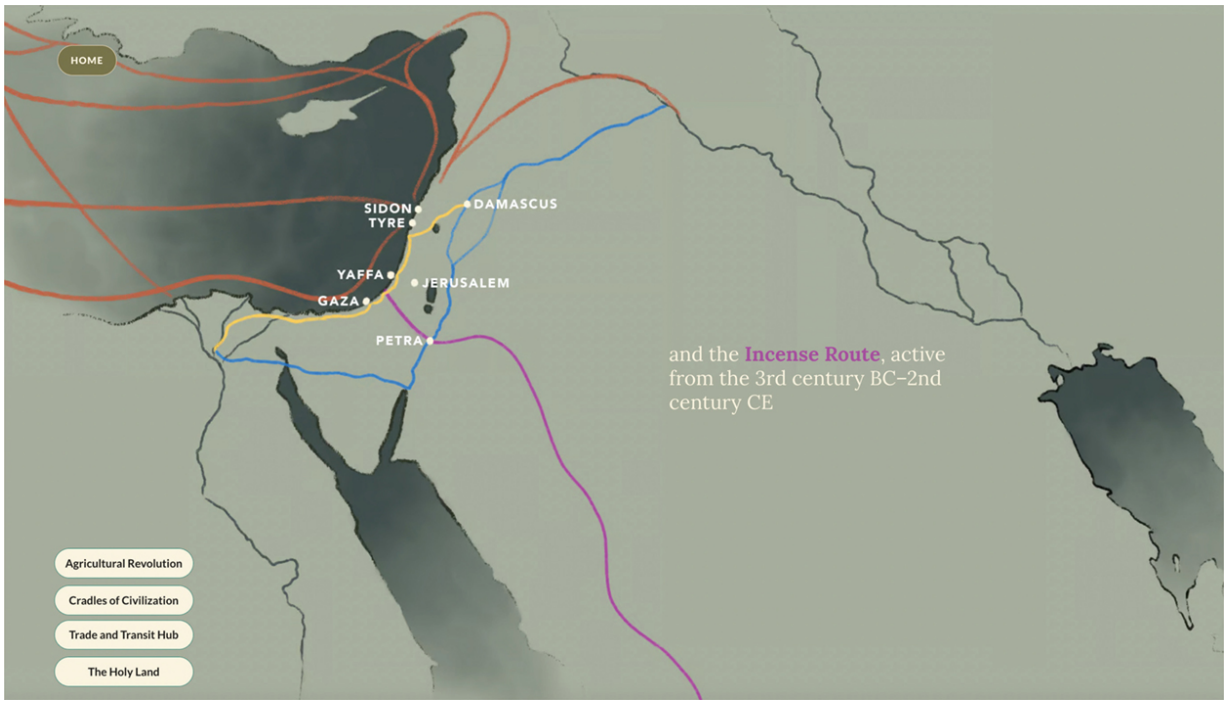
Cradles of Civilization
Trade and Transit Hub
The Holy Land



In 985 CE, the Jerusalem-born geographer and writer **Al-Maqdisi**—whose name means "person from *Al-Quds* (Jerusalem)"—recorded a conversation from his travels to **Shiraz** (now part of modern Iran):

> The master stonecutter asked me: Are you Egyptian?
>
> I said: No, I am Palestinian.
>
> He said: I heard that you carve stones like you would carve wood.
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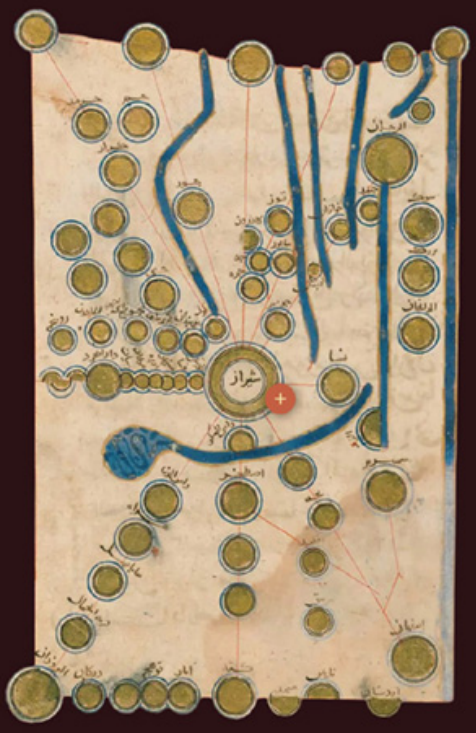
> I said: Yes.
>
> He said: Your stones are malleable and your craft gentle.

Al-Maqdisi, *The Best Divisions for the Knowledge of the Regions*



Much of Palestinian Arabic toponymy has been erased

Much of Palestinian Arabic toponymy has been erased as a result of the Nakba and the deliberate effort of Zionist projects to de-Palestinize the landscape.

This 1950 map captures the the Israeli renaming process, with purple Israeli amendments printed directly over British Mandate-era maps.

The Hebrew word **הרוס**, meaning 'destroyed,' marks the elimination of hundreds of Palestinian villages, with names of new settlements printed in their place.

Israel's Governmental Names Commission wrote in 1958, **"As long as the [Arabic] names did not appear in maps, they [Palestinians] cannot take possession in life,"** indicating that they understood maps and place names as tools of removal.

Use the slider bar to see the Israeli renaming effort in progress.

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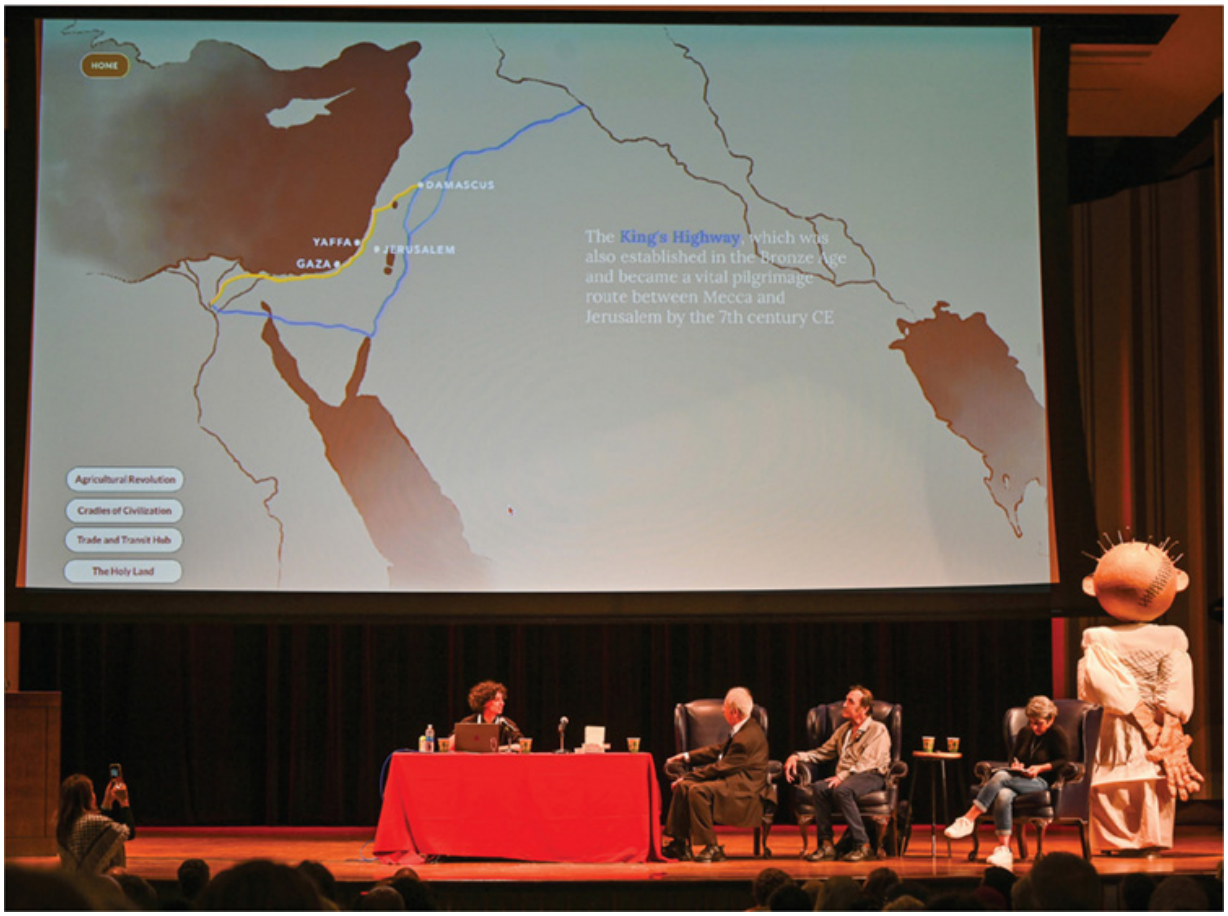
The Holy Land
This text reads "the border of Palestine and Egypt" in Greek.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The King's Highway, which was also established in the Bronze Age and became a vital pilgrimage route between Mecca and Jerusalem by the 7th century CE
Agricultural Revolution
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Visualizing Palestine information designer Nasreen Abd Elal presenting “A Place of Many Beginnings” at the Palestine Writes Literature Festival in Philadelphia, United States, 2023.

ANNEX: VISUALIZING PALESTINE'S BRIEF TEMPLATE AND PROCESS WHEEL

Almost every visual in this book began with a research brief. Developed after the initial background research phase, we use the brief to help clarify the messaging, goals, and framing of a visual; distill key information; solicit feedback from partners and experts; and facilitate creative collaboration between researchers and designers. We also created a process wheel to document key stages of our collaborative process of data storytelling. The process wheel is a very early document in the history of Visualizing Palestine. The first draft existed before we released a single visual, and we published it on the first version of our website alongside a small handful of infographics.

BRIEF TEMPLATE

1. THEME

A single sentence describing the main topic or theme of the project.

2. AUDIENCE

Who is this project intended to influence or serve? Keep this brief, but also strive for specificity in naming key stakeholders.

3. PURPOSE

Is this project tied to a specific date, event, or strategy? How will it be used and disseminated?

4. KEY MESSAGES

What are the top two messages our audience should receive from this visual?

5. TITLE AND INTRODUCTION

List one or several possible title options (short titles are better) that will grab the audience's attention and frame the issue. Develop two to three introductory sentences as background context.

6. STORY

What's the story and how will it be told? (Comparative angle, single shocking statistic, case study. Consider use of photos, maps, charts, illustrations.)

7. KEY DATA AND INFORMATION

Include the exact data or information that should be featured in the visual, with detailed sources to facilitate final fact checking. This section should not be a data dump or summary of all research collected, but is a space to map out the information hierarchy, story, and clear, precise copy for the visual.

8. REFERENCE PROJECTS OR INSPIRATIONS

Include visuals from (and/or links to) other projects you find inspiring or relevant in terms of style, format or content, story framing, etc. Sketching ideas by hand is also helpful.

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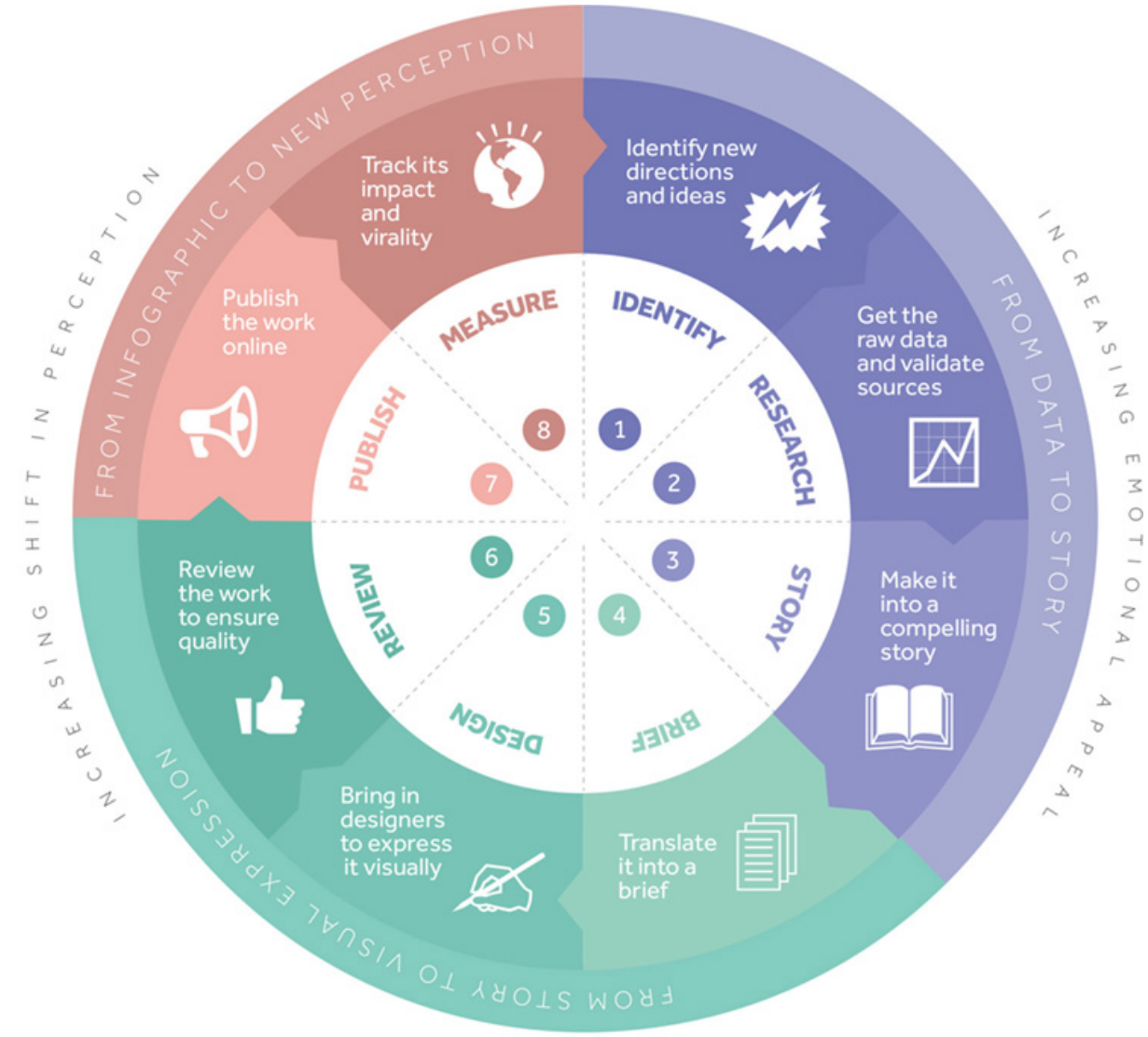

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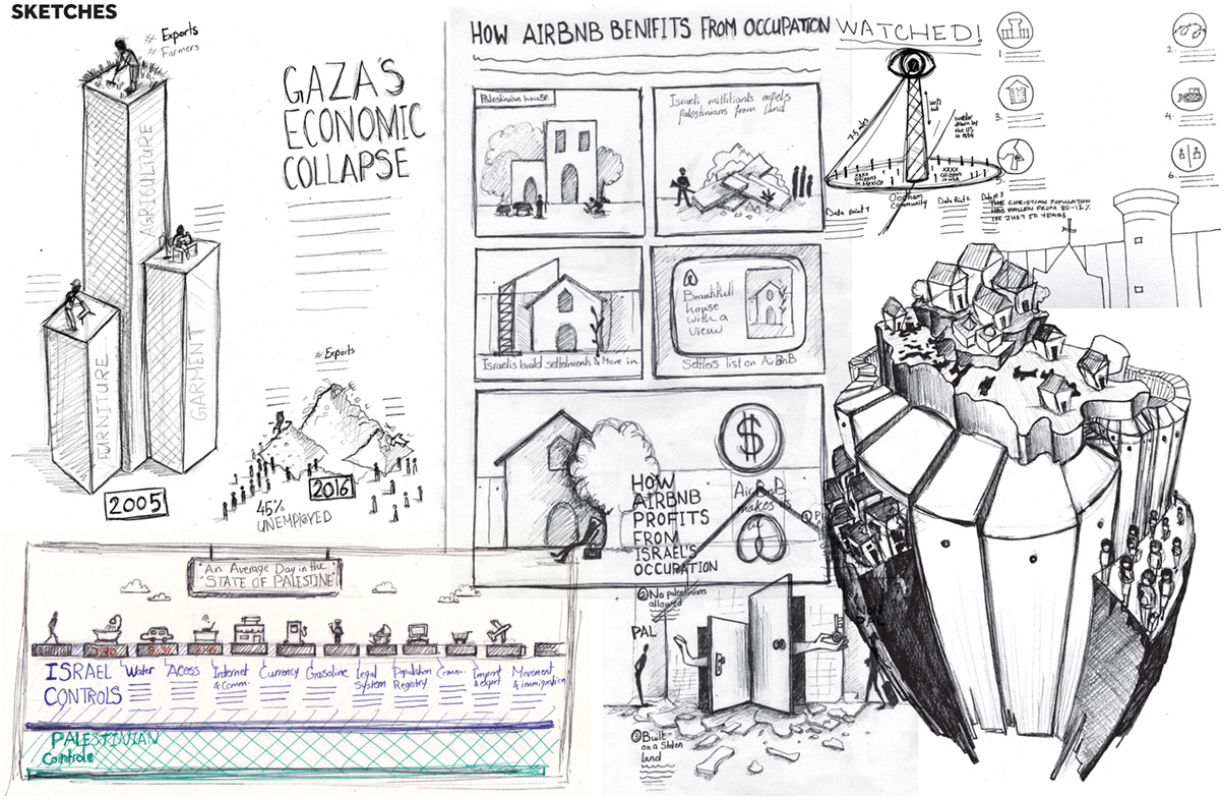
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Palestinian house
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Israelis build settlements & Move in
Settles list on AirBnB
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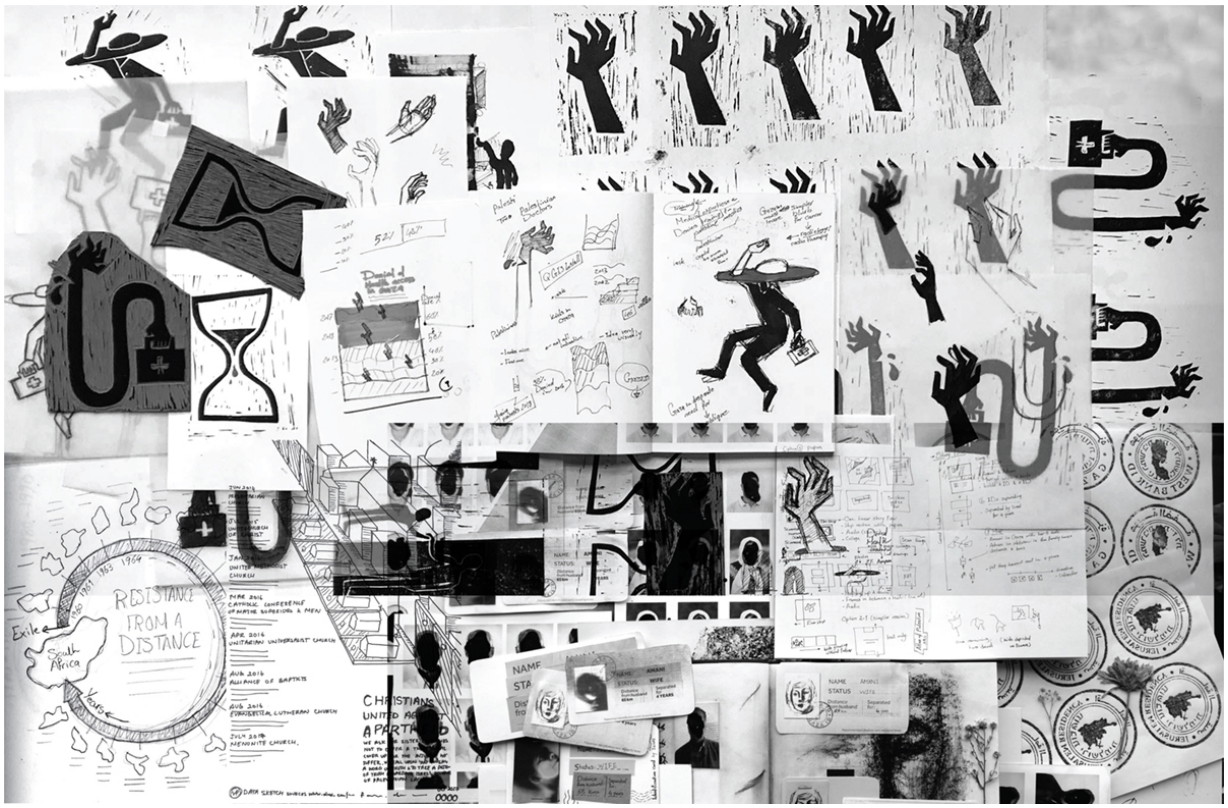
RESISTANCE FROM A DISTANCE
Exile
South Africa
Home

Various Visualizing Palestine team members and partners in Amman, Jordan, 2018

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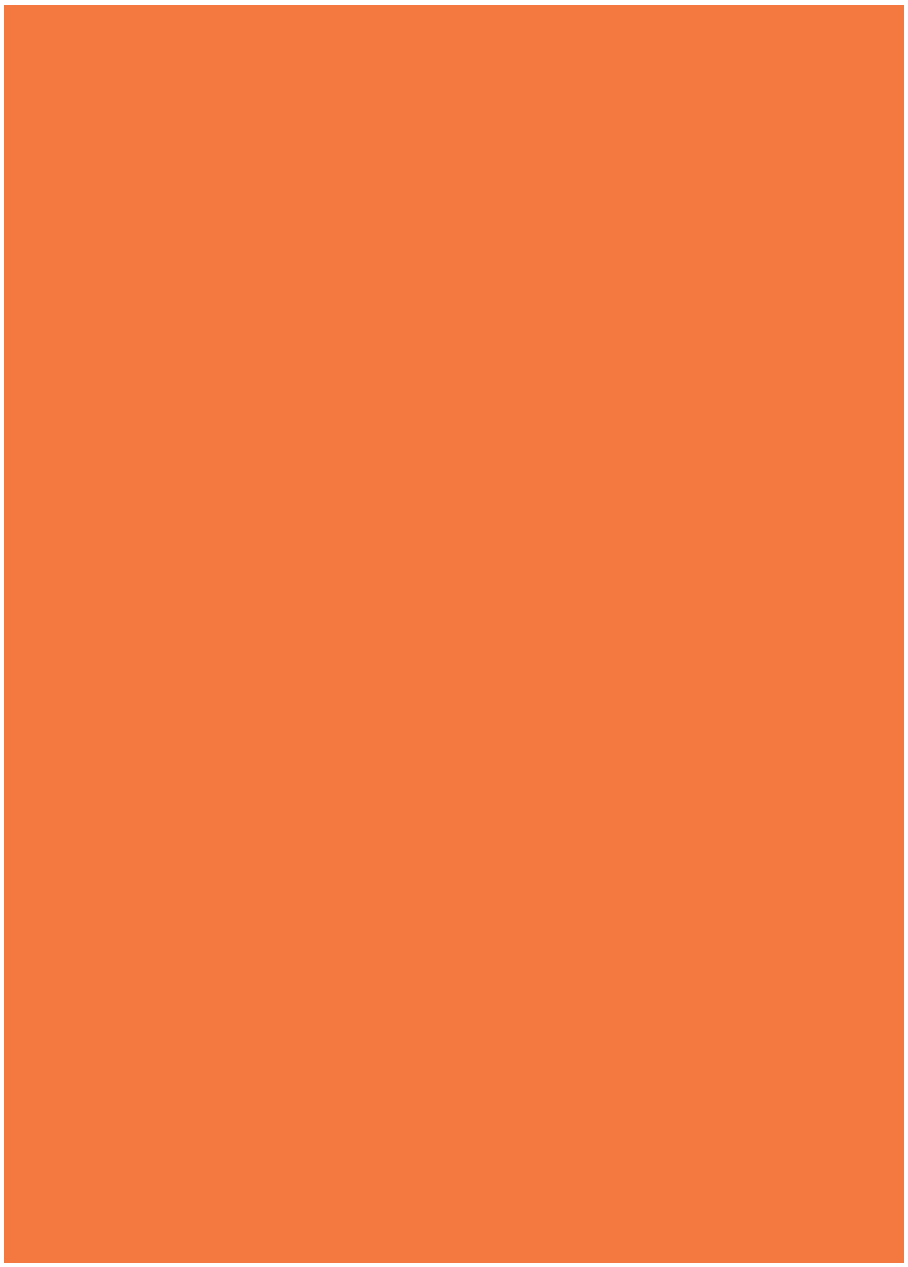

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